

MINUTES
OF THE
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OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

FOR THE YEAR

1881.

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Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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MINUTES.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT SELMA, ALA., Nov. 30—Dec. 5, 1881.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; R. B. CRAWFORD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Wm. T. Rencher, John A. Moore, Walker Bancroft, Pinckney M. Guthrie, Geo. G. Smith, William F. Arnold, John B. G. Cumming, Walter G. Isaacs, Wm. A. McCann. 9.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William P. Hurt, Joseph P. Roberts, Chappell S. Perry, Joseph A. Scott, W. J. Price, Henry T. Johnson. 6.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? James E. McCann, Robertus A. Williams, Edgar M. Glenn, Charles D. Jordan, Thomas D. Albright. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? H. D. Hill. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? James K. Powell, Jefferson P. Hamilton, Robert P. Baker, William M. Cox, Andrew J. Cousins, L. H. S. Chappell, John D. Simpson, Angus L. Sellers, Samuel H. Nettles, Charles R. Lamar, Jacob B. Nelson. 11.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? James E. McCann, Robertus A. Williams, Edgar M. Glenn, Charles D. Jordan, Thomas D. Albright. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? J. E. McCann, R. A. Williams, E. M. Glenn, C. D. Jordan, T. D. Albright. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John T. Chavers, James R. Crawford, William H. Chambers. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John T. Chavers, J. R. Crawford, William H. Chambers, George Fountain, Martin V. Marshall, Walter G. Isaacs, J. Thomas Smith. 7.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Claudius L. Chilton, Charles B. Pilley, Isaac F. Bilbro, Edward E. Cowan. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. L. Chilton, C. B. Pilley, I. F. Bilbro, E. E. Cowan. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Alexander L. McBride, J. S. C. Glenn. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? A. L. McBride. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? H. M. Moss. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? George F. Ellis, E. Wadsworth, W. M. Winn, T. J. Rutledge, W. A. McCarty, L. F. Dowdell. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? A. S. Dickinson, C. Strider, J. T. Roper, W. H. Ellison, Z. Dowling, E. W. Storey, T. S. Abernethy, J. W. Jordan, I. I. Tatum, W. B. Adams, W. B. Neal. 11.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Morgan C. Turrentine, J. A. Green, D. M. Hudson. 3.

MORGAN C. TURRENTINE was born in Hillsboro, N. C., Sept. 17, 1800. His father's family removed to Milledgeville, Ga., while he was yet a child, at which place Morgan was converted, and made profession of faith in Christ at the age of sixteen years; was nineteen when he began to preach the gospel; at twenty he joined the South Carolina Conference; was sent as missionary to the Creek Indians, and labored among them during 1824-27; was ordained deacon by Bishop Roberts, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 20, 1825; was ordained elder by the same Bishop, in Augusta, Ga., Jan. 14, 1827; came to Alabama in 1857; was superannuated at our last Conference, held in Pensacola; died in Bladen County, N. C., July, 1881. We are admonished, by authority, to make our memorial report a brief one; but is the foregoing brief statement a sufficient expression of our love for Morgan C. Turrentine? a sufficient expression of our gratitude to God for a long life devoted to the doing of heroic deeds, and ending in glorious triumph? It is written that "devout men bore Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him." We are not told how long they lament-

ed, nor by what ceremonies they made their sorrows known. Let us pause a little while beside the grave of the old man who loved us dearly, and whose hope it was to die among us, and leave his ashes in our trust until we too shall pass away, and leave the precious charge to our successors. This old soldier of Jesus Christ was born and built up for a hero. At an age when some of our young men are the petted darlings of tender mothers, who "suffer not the winds of heaven to visit them too roughly"—at such an age this boy-embassador for God went alone into the wild woods seeking untamed savages, that he might bring them to Christ. We have heard him tell how, wearied by the long day's ride, he has gone to his bed of earth supperless, with nothing but forest-leaves between him and the stars that seemed to look down sadly upon the lone wanderer, whose only requiem was the shriek of the night-bird and "the wolf's long howl." Four long years in the wilderness, companion of hunger, and danger, and want. But we hasten forward. A stranger would be ready to believe that he might have taken his complexion from the wildness around him. No! Nature made our brother a gentleman, and the grace of God made him a Christian. Children followed him as flowers turn their faces to the sun, and, like his ever-blessed Master, "he took them into his arms and blessed them"—and blest they were, for benediction fell upon them in answer to the prayer of God's servant who adored him. Very few persons ever called our brother "Father Turrentine." Thank God that Time, who was commissioned to whiten his head and dim his eyesight, was forbidden to touch his heart. That heart held perpetual festival, for there was room there for all things that were lovely and of good report. There was no sorrow in his night, no winter in his year. Death touched him gently when he was preaching last summer to the friends of his early years. On his way home from God's house he noticed a pain that was strange to him. The physician said, "Paralysis." It was repeated again and again. His son writes: "We heard him say several times, 'My work is done—I am ready, and waiting at the gate.'" Then in a little while this royal soul was taken to the God who gave it, the Christ who was its Saviour.

JOHN A. GREEN was born March 6, 1849, and died October 17, 1881. Brother Green received his preparatory mental training at such schools as were in the reach of his home, and though he did not graduate, was for some time a student at Auburn College, in East Alabama. He was converted and became a member of the Church in early life. Receiving license to preach, he was admitted on trial into the Alabama Conference, at its session in Selma, December 3-9, 1873. He served in the Conference, as preacher in charge, the Geneva, Newton, Calhoun, Grove Hill, and St. Stephen's Circuits. On October 9 he went to his appointment at New Hope Church, in the St.

Stephen's Circuit, and though complaining, and really suffering with fever, preached to the assembled congregation. After the morning service he went some distance to baptize three persons by immersion, and this was the last official act of his life. On returning to the house of Brother W. A. Richardson, he was compelled to take his bed. Much of the time during his sickness was spent in exhorting those around him; and though conscious that his end was drawing near, he seemed calm and fearless, and died in the triumph of the Christian's faith. Brother Green was an active member of the Conference for eight years, and though appointed to serve much of that time in some of the most difficult fields within its bounds, he never seemed disappointed, or discouraged. All who knew him and his ministry will affirm that he was ever faithful, and true, and zealous, in every good work, and in every thing showed himself fully consecrated to the cause of his Master. Brother Green was a plain, unassuming man. His humility, manifest to all, displayed itself especially in his readiness to do any kind of work to which he might be assigned; and because he was meek and amiable, he was always cheerful and happy in the performance of that work. His highest ambition was to be true to his duty and vows as a Methodist preacher. Esteeming others better than himself, he was never known to murmur at the arduousness of his own work, or to be envious of his brethren because they were appointed to more inviting fields than those he occupied. The young men of his class and Conference rank among the first in the Connection in intelligence, zeal, and devotion to their work, and stand as high as any in the possession of those qualities that form the character of a successful Methodist preacher; yet of this class none more than he held a warm place in the affections of his brethren, and none stood higher in the esteem of those who knew best the excellences of his character. As a preacher, he was earnest and practical. He sought, in all his sermons, to save souls, to reclaim backsliders, and to raise the Church to a higher standard of spiritual life. He loved his Church with a pure and fervent love, and never failed in his preaching to promulgate its doctrines, and in his pastoral work to enforce its discipline. Always zealous, he reproved sin, no matter where or in whom it was found. Neither the love of praise and popularity, nor the fear of the influential, caused him to hesitate in the discharge of what he believed to be his duty. A holy and devoted minister of the gospel he lived, and as such he died.

DANIEL MASON HUDSON was born in Ohio, February 12, 1822, and died in Tuskegee, Ala., April 12, 1881. He was of the sons of the prophets. His father, a physician, was a faithful and honored minister in the Baptist Church. Brother Hudson was converted at twelve years of age, but failing to make a formal profession of faith in Christ, he lost the peace that be-

longs to the children of God, and was for years without the comfort of religion. At twenty-four he was again made to feel the bitterness of a sinful life, and earnestly seeking, he found peace with God, and the witness of the Spirit that he was born from on high. He soon felt that he was called to be an ambassador for God, and in the winter of 1853 was admitted on trial to membership in the Alabama Conference. Our dear departed brother was for more than a quarter of a century a beloved and trusted member of this Conference. He was a man of various and large learning, whose life was spent in great part in the accumulation and study of valuable and rare books. He was not a genius in the common meaning of that term—not a popular preacher in the estimation of the multitude—but he was a man who had a power of mental acquisition such as few men are blessed with. In the judgment of some of his brethren he was too largely endowed for the humble sphere in which he was called to act—a David burdened by Saul's helmet, and sword, and shield—a bird who has an important message to bear encumbered and retarded by the superabundance of plumage which adorns and beautifies it. A large part of our brother's life was spent in labors faithfully bestowed in the various fields which belong to itinerant life on the circuit on the district, or in the station, and in each position to which duty called him he was equally zealous, and always acceptable. His was a meek and quiet spirit. He bore without complaint the sufferings incident to failing health, and the care of a dependent family, which he knew he must soon leave to finish for themselves the long battle with poverty and sorrow. God honored him with a perfect peace in the parting hour, and now he realizes the meaning of the afflicted patriarch, who, looking upward, exclaimed: "There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary be at rest."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Mobile District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Franklin Street.....	379	.....	.....
St. Francis Street.....	460	.....	.....
St. Paul's.....	175	.....	.....
Toulminville.....	283	.....	1
Whistler.....	198	.....	2
Eastern Shore.....	64	.....	.....
Grand Bay.....	73	.....	2
Citronelle.....	124	.....	2
St. Stephen's.....	365	.....	2
Bladen Springs.....	319	.....	3
Oaktappa.....	221	.....	3
Suggsville.....	225	7	.....
Grove Hill.....	257	.....	2
	3143	7	17

Greensboro District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Greensboro Station.....	140	.....	2
Greensboro Circuit.....	118	.....	1
Havana.....	436	.....	1
Newbern.....	187	.....	2
Forkland.....	66	.....	.....
Demopolis.....	94	.....	.....
Greene Circuit.....	219	.....	6
Livingston and Eutaw.....	111	.....	2
Gainesville.....	219	1	.....
Belmont.....	195	.....	1
Cuba.....	183	.....	.....
Gaston.....	384	.....	1
Butler and Mt. Sterling.....	100	.....	.....
Choctaw.....	444	.....	2
	2896	1	18

Selma District.

Selma.....	293	.....	2
East Selma.....	80	.....	.....
Summerfield.....	124	.....	.....
Perryville.....	167	.....	3
Brush Creek.....	397	.....	1
Marion.....	146	.....	1
Uniontown Station.....	112	.....	.....
Uniontown Circuit.....	93	.....	.....
Orrville.....	197	1	.....
Spring Hill.....	191	.....	1
Rembert Hills.....	278	.....	1
Clifton.....	140	.....	2
Lower Peach-tree.....	281	.....	1
Choctaw Corner.....	290	.....	3
	2789	1	15

Prattville District.

Prattville Station.....	190	.....	1
Deatsville Mission.....	329	.....	1
Autaugaville.....	320	.....	2
Clanton and Verbena.....	166	.....	2
Wetumpka.....	80	.....	.....
Randolph.....	470	.....	2
Maplesville.....	270	.....	3
Lowndesboro.....	119	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	75	.....	.....
Bell's Landing.....	251	.....	1
Pine Apple.....	340	.....	2
Camden and Oak Lawn.....	56	2	.....
Brierfield.....	56	.....	.....
	2713	2	14

Montgomery District.

Montgomery Station.....	533	.....	1
Tuskegee Station.....	221	.....	4
Tuskegee Circuit.....	329	.....	3
Hurtville.....	301	.....	1
Crawford.....	455	.....	.....
Salem.....	538	.....	4
Opelika.....	417	.....	.....
Auburn.....	239	.....	2
Loachapoka.....	430	.....	5
Tallapoosa.....	313	.....	7
Elmore.....	590	.....	4
Franklin Mission.....	122	.....	.....
Tallassee.....	220	.....	.....
	4708	.....	31

Eufaula District.

Eufaula Station.....	255	.....	4
Villula Circuit.....	386	.....	3
Glennville.....	70	.....	.....
Beulah.....	127	.....	.....
Enon and Midway.....	211	.....	1
Perote.....	312	.....	2
Clayton and Louisville.....	276	.....	3
Pea River.....	320	.....	.....
Ozark.....	870	.....	4
Newton.....	840	.....	8
Columbia.....	158	.....	.....
Henry.....	492	.....	1
White Pond.....	667	.....	2
	4984	.....	25

Marianna District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Marianna Station.....	64	.....	1
Greenwood.....	300	.....	2
Calhoun Mission.....	208	.....	3
Headland Mission.....	262	.....	5
Big Creek.....	334	.....	.....
Holmes Valley.....	506	.....	3
Chipola Mission.....	163	.....	1
Geneva Circuit.....	205	.....	4
Cerro Gordo Mission.....	228	.....	6
Freeport Mission.....	218	.....	.....
	2488	.....	25

Union Springs District.

Union Springs Station.....	180
Union Circuit.....	372	.....	4
Troy.....	229	.....	.....
Brundidge.....	513	.....	6
Olustee Mission.....	175	.....	2
Pine Level.....	350	.....	1
Mt. Meigs.....	54	.....	.....
Rocky Mount.....	525	1	.....
Fort Deposit.....	180	1	1
Greenville Station.....	209	.....	1
Greenville Circuit.....	342	1	1
Oaky Streak.....	260	.....	3
Rutledge.....	680	2	2
	4069	5	21

Pensacola District.

Pensacola Station.....	167	.....	.....
Milton.....	100	.....	.....
Warrington.....	70	.....	1
Millview and Ross Point.....	38	.....	.....
Powelson.....	420	.....	7
Perdido Mission.....	130	1	.....
Pollard.....	459	.....	5
Stockton.....	206	.....	1
Evergreen.....	306	.....	3
Monroeville.....	333	1	2
Gravella Mission.....	121	.....	1
Georgiana.....	313	.....	3
Sepulga.....	410	.....	2
Monterey.....	364	.....	2
Yellow River Mission.....	204	.....	4
	3641	2	31

Recapitulation.

Mobile District.....	3143	7	17
Greensboro ".....	2896	1	18
Selma ".....	2789	1	15
Prattville ".....	2713	2	14
Montgomery ".....	4708	.....	31
Enfauila ".....	4984	.....	28
Marianna ".....	2488	.....	25
Union Springs ".....	4069	5	21
Pensacola ".....	3641	2	31
Total this year.....	31,431	18	200

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1259.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1142.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 400.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2315.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 16,983.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,566.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4,907. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$4,150 68; Domestic Missions, \$3,465 55. Total, \$7,616 23.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Troy, Ala.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MOBILE DISTRICT.

O. R. Blue, P. E.

Franklin Street, H. D. Moore.
St. Francis Street, J. O. Andrew.
St. Paul's, C. B. Williamson.
Toulminville, J. P. Roberts.
Whistler, B. C. Glenn.
Eastern Shore, W. G. Isaacs.
Grand Bay Mission, to be supplied.
Citronelle, C. R. Lamar.
Isney, W. H. Wild.
Bladen and St. Stephen's, A. M. Jones.
Escatawpa Mission, to be supplied.
Suggsville, J. H. James.
Grove Hill, T. D. Albright.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

H. Urquhart, P. E.

Greensboro, F. M. Peterson, J. A. Moore, E. Wadsworth, Sup.
Greensboro Circuit, to be supplied.
Havana, A. Hood.
Newbern, J. S. Moore.
Forkland, E. M. Glenn.
Demopolis, J. P. Hamilton.
Greene, J. E. McCann.
Livingston and Eutaw, J. E. Foust.
Gainesville, J. A. Peterson.
Belmont, J. M. Patton.
Cuba, H. T. Johnson.
Gaston, G. Hawkins.
Butler and Mt. Sterling, W. M. Cox.
Choctaw Circuit and Mission, W. Hargrave Morris.
Southern University, F. M. Peterson, J. S. Moore, J. A. Moore, Professors.
Professor of Systematic Theology in Vanderbilt University, Book Editor, and Editor of *Quarterly Review*, T. O. Summers.

SELMA DISTRICT.

J. M. Boland, P. E.

Selma, E. L. Loveless, W. A. McCarty, Sup.
East Selma, G. M. Roper.
Summerfield, J. Barker.
Perryville Mission, W. H. Wetherby.
Brush Creek, B. D. Gayle.
Marion, W. P. Dickinson.
Uniontown, S. A. Pilley.
Uniontown Mission, C. H. Kelley.
Orrville, N. Gillis.
Spring Hill, J. W. Glenn.
Rembert Hills, J. W. Meniffee.
Clifton, C. B. Pilley, G. F. Ellis, Sup.
McKinley Mission, to be supplied (by George Fountain).

Lower Peach-tree, W. P. H. Connerly.
 Choctaw Corner, J. C. Johnson, W. A. McCann.
 American Bible Society Colporteur, B. F. Blow.

PRATTVILLE DISTRICT.

A. H. Mitchell, P. E.

Prattville, J. W. Rush, W. M. Winn, Sup.
 Deatsville, J. A. Scott.
 Autaugaville, L. Patterson.
 Clanton and Verbena, J. W. Shores.
 Wetumpka, J. B. Anderson.
 Randolph, A. J. Cousins.
 Plantersville, L. C. Calhoun.
 Lowndesboro, W. S. Wade.
 Pleasant Hill and Mission, S. H. Nettles.
 Bell's Landing, J. W. McCann.
 Pine Apple, J. S. Williams.
 Camden and Oak Lawn, J. M. Crews.
 Jemison Mission, W. H. McDaniel.
 Coosa Mission, to be supplied.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

T. F. Mangum, P. E.

Montgomery, M. S. Andrews.
 Tuskegee, R. S. Holcombe, Thos. J. Rutledge, Sup.
 Tuskegee Circuit, W. I. Powers, L. F. Dowdell, Sup.
 Hurtville, J. S. Rencher.
 Crawford, J. W. Solomon.
 Salem, J. R. Peavy.
 Opelika, A. S. Andrews, J. H. Lockhart, Sup.
 Auburn, A. J. Lamar.
 Loachapoka, H. M. Gillis.
 Tallapoosa Mission, F. H. Wardlaw.
 Elmore, W. D. Owens.
 Tallassee, I. F. Bilbro.
 Franklin Mission, to be supplied.

EUFULA DISTRICT.

R. B. Crawford, P. E.

Eufaula, R. H. Rivers.
 Villula, A. Dowling.
 Glennville and Cowikee Mission, C. L. Chilton.
 Beulah, A. J. Briggs.
 Enon and Midway, J. P. Saunders.
 Perote, E. M. Turner.
 Clayton and Louisville, D. C. Crook.
 Pea River, J. B. Nelson.
 Ozark, J. L. Mathison.
 Newton, J. K. Powell.
 Columbia, W. Bancroft.

Henry, E. Phillips.
 Eufaula Circuit, B. L. Selman.

MARIANNA DISTRICT.

J. S. Frazer, P. E.

Marianna Mission, H. D. Hill.
 Greenwood, A. C. Hundley.
 Calhoun Mission, W. F. Arnold.
 Headland Mission, W. J. Price.
 Big Creek, to be supplied.
 Holmes Valley, J. Wesley.
 Chipola Mission, to be supplied.
 Geneva, A. L. Sellers.
 Cerro Gordo Mission, to be supplied (by M. V. Marshall).
 Freeport Mission, J. B. G. Cumming.

UNION SPRINGS DISTRICT.

W. M. Motley, P. E.

Union Springs, J. M. Mason.
 Mt. Hilliard, W. K. Norton.
 Troy, E. W. Solomon.
 Brundidge, E. E. Cowan.
 Brier Hill, P. M. Guthrie.
 Pine Level, C. S. Perry.
 Mt. Meigs, J. S. Peavy.
 Rocky Mount, J. L. Skipper.
 Fort Deposit, O. S. Perry.
 Greenville, J. Bancroft.
 Greenville Circuit, J. M. Scott.
 Rutledge, C. D. Jordan.
 Oaky Streak, W. T. Rencher.

PENSACOLA DISTRICT.

S. H. Cox, P. E.

Pensacola, C. B. DuBose.
 Milton, J. O. Keener.
 Warrington, W. A. Rice.
 Millview and Ross Point, W. P. Hurt.
 Powelton, R. Smilie.
 Perdido Mission, D. C. Standley.
 Pollard, R. P. Baker.
 Stockton, L. H. S. Chappell.
 Evergreen, J. D. Simpson.
 Monroeville, D. J. Wright.
 Repton Mission, M. M. Graham.
 Georgiana, A. J. Coleman.
 Sepulga, W. H. Morris.
 Monterey, T. Y. Abernethy.
 Herbert Mission, R. A. Williamson.

Josiah Lewis transferred to North Georgia Conference.

George G. Smith transferred to North Alabama Conference.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT DARDANELLE, ARK., October 19-23, 1881.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; WILLIAM H. METHENEX, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. George W. Atkins, Benjamin C. Matthews, Owen H. Tucker, Robert P. Hardcastle, James H. Cummings, William E. Wilson. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? George W. Damon, Joseph H. Bradford, Joseph M. Floyd, George W. Hill, Benjamin C. McCurry, William J. Clark, William K. Pugh. 7.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? James A. Anderson, Jasper N. Moore, Joseph S. Shangle, John R. Robertson, William A. Derrick, John W. Kaigler, Lawrence W. Harrison, Alford P. Melton. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? F. A. Taff, James Cox. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. M. C. Hamilton, S. N. Burns, E. R. Harrison, W. T. Keith, L. W. Harrison, D. J. Weems, G. W. Boyles. 7.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Pleasant B. Hopkins, David C. Ross, William W. Anderson, William F. England, James S. Best, Berry T. Crews, Thomas A. Martin, Francis A. Jeffett, William M. Baldwin, Chas. R. Taylor, Franklin S. H. Johnson, Walter T. Keith, T. J. Reynolds, W. J. Wood, J. L. Massey, William H. W. Burns. 16.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? James A. Anderson, Jasper N. Moore, John R. Robertson, William A. Derrick. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? J. A. Anderson, J. N. Moore, J. R. Robertson, W. A. Derrick. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? William L. Buford, George Reedy, John M. Lively, Isaac N. Lowe, Andrew G. Duran, Thomas A. Setzer, C. C. Johnson. 7.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? W. L. Buford, George Reedy, J. N. Lowe, A. G. Duran, C. C. Johnson. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? James P. Caldwell. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. P. Caldwell. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Wm. A. Clement, Henry Hardy. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? W. A. Clement, Henry Hardy. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? W. K. Knowlton. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. A. Walden, T. R. Nichols, T. A. Graham, J. W. Shook, D. Sturdy, H. Puckett, E. C. Jones, E. Jones, W. J. Wood. 9.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? W. J. Dodson, J. Griffin, G. W. Evans. 3.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Thomas E. Sewell. 1.

THOMAS E. SEWELL died near Huntsville, Ark., Feb. 20, 1881. He was admitted on trial in the Arkansas Conference in 1874, and appointed to Marshall Circuit; in 1875, to Huntsville Circuit; in 1876, ordained deacon and sent to Paris Circuit, and returned to the same work in 1877. These appointments were all filled with efficiency and great usefulness. In 1878-79 he sustained a supernumerary relation. Brother Sewell was about thirty years of age, ardent in temperament, and strong in his convictions. He preached and labored with a zeal very far beyond his strength. Consumption fastened upon his frame, and for three years he was a great sufferer; but in all the Lord sustained him. He told Brother Jolly, two days before his death, that the Lord was very near to him—so easy to pray; prayer so quickly answered, so full, so free—more than he could ask. He died happy—passed away as one falling asleep.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Fort Smith District.

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Fort Smith Station.....	163	1
Fort Smith Circuit.....	288	2
Greenwood Circuit.....	684	8
Sugar Loaf Circuit.....	386	9
Waldron Circuit.....	402	.....	3
Booneville Circuit.....	459	.....	4
Paris Circuit.....	278	.....	1
Charleston Circuit.....	262	.....	3
Danville Circuit.....	250	.....	3
Bluffton Circuit.....	354	.....	6
Walnut Tree Circuit.....	285	.....	6
Fourehe Circuit.....	205	.....	2
	4016	.....	48

Fayetteville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fayetteville Station.....	136	.....	1
Fayetteville Circuit.....	455	.....	6
Center Point Circuit.....	369	.....	2
Bentonville Station.....	111	.....	.....
Bentonville Circuit.....	260	.....	3
Bloomfield Circuit.....	257	.....	9
Illinois Circuit.....	206	.....	4
Viney Grove Circuit.....	340	.....	.....
Boonsboro Circuit.....	295	.....	4
White River Circuit.....	194	.....	1
Huntsville Circuit.....	344	.....	5
Kingston Mission.....	130	.....	2
Clifty Mission.....	110	.....	2
Eureka Station.....	50	.....	3
	3257	.....	42

Clarksville District.

Clarksville Station.....	104	.....	2
East Clarksville Circuit.....	247	.....	1
West Clarksville Circuit.....	354	.....	4
Altus Circuit.....	230	.....	5
Ozark Station.....	85	.....	2
Ozark Circuit.....	256	.....	2
Pleasant Hill Circuit.....	200	.....	3
Mountainburg Circuit.....	41	.....	1
Van Buren and Alma Station.....	133	.....	2
Van Buren Circuit.....	76	.....	1
Dover Circuit.....	280	.....	7
Ozone Mission.....	85	.....	3
	2094	.....	33

Yellville District.

Yellville Station.....	105	1	4
Yellville Circuit.....	266	.....	2
Mountain Home Circuit.....	237	.....	.....
Mountain View Circuit.....	289	.....	8
Big Flat Circuit.....	185	.....	6
Wiley's Grove Circuit.....	351	.....	9
Marshall Circuit.....	85	.....	2
Jasper Circuit.....	58	.....	1
Valley Springs Circuit.....	500	.....	8
Lead Hill Circuit.....	228	.....	4
Harrison Circuit.....	220	.....	3
Carrollton Circuit.....	467	.....	4
	2991	1	51

Lewisburg District.

Lewisburg Circuit.....	105	.....	1
Morrilton Station.....	99	.....	.....
Conway Station.....	105	.....	2
Conway Circuit.....	80	.....	.....
Springfield and Mill Creek Circuit.....	74	.....	2
Springfield Circuit.....	195	.....	5
Mount Vernon Circuit.....	285	.....	6
Quitman Circuit.....	564	12	13
Clinton Circuit.....	172	3	4
Point Remove Circuit.....	195	1	6
Perryville Circuit.....	250	.....	5
Atkins Circuit.....	213	.....	.....
Russellville Station.....	207	.....	4
Dardanelle Station.....	105	.....	1
Dardanelle Circuit.....	286	.....	1
	2935	16	50

Recapitulation.

Fort Smith District.....	4016	.....	48
Fayetteville ".....	3257	.....	42
Clarksville ".....	2094	.....	33
Yellville ".....	2991	1	51
Lewisburg ".....	2935	16	50
Total this year.....	15,293	17	224

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 582.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1103.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 143.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 904.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 7192.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$700.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$571 05. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$1,756 75; Domestic Missions, \$444 70. Total, \$2,201 45.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Bentonville, Ark.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

V. V. Harlan, P. E.

Fort Smith, F. A. Jeffett.
 Fort Smith Circuit, J. Loving.
 Greenwood, W. J. Stone.
 Hackett City, S. S. Key.
 Sugar Loaf, B. T. Crews.
 Booneville, J. W. Kaugler.
 Waldron, D. J. Weems.
 Cauthron, J. M. C. Hamilton.
 Paris, to be supplied (by C. H. Gregory).
 Danville, J. L. Hays.
 Gravelly Hill, T. A. Martin.
 Rover, F. A. Taff.
 Walnut Tree, G. W. Damon.
 Charleston, J. E. Martin.
 Fourche, J. Cox.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

T. J. Smith, P. E.

Clarksville, S. H. Babcock.
 East Clarksville, F. L. Hartin.
 West Clarksville, W. H. Metheny.
 Prairie View, J. M. C. Birmingham.
 Altus, F. S. H. Johnson, W. J. Wood, Sup.
 Ozark, G. W. Hill, H. Puckett, Sup.
 Ozark Circuit, J. S. Shangle.
 Pleasant Hill, G. W. Atkins, T. R. Nichols, Sup.
 Van Buren, G. W. Boyles.
 Van Buren Circuit, to be supplied (by J. L. Hicks).
 Alma, J. A. Anderson.
 Dover, J. B. Hickman.
 Ozone Mission, W. J. Clark.
 Central Institute, I. L. Burrow, Principal.
 Clarksville District High School, J. A. Peebles, Principal.

MORRILLTON DISTRICT.

J. J. Roberts, P. E.

Morrilton, J. W. Boswell.
 Morrilton Circuit, J. M. Floyd.
 Pinnacle, to be supplied.
 Conway, W. H. Corley.

Conway Circuit, to be supplied (by J. J. Tarlton).
 Springfield and Hill Creek, A. P. Melton.
 Mt. Vernon, W. W. Anderson.
 Quitman, J. Haralson.
 Quitman Circuit, A. C. Ray, T. A. Graham, Sup.
 Clinton, to be supplied (by J. W. Bowden).
 Point Remove, A. H. Williams.
 Perryville, to be supplied (by I. N. Lowe).
 Opelo, E. R. Harrison.
 Atkins, W. D. Matthews.
 Russellville, J. L. Massey.
 Dardanelle, B. H. Greathouse.
 Dardanelle Circuit, W. H. W. Burns.
 Quitman College, J. Haralson, President; O. H. Tucker, Professor.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Hall, P. E.

Fayetteville, T. J. Reynolds, J. W. Shook, Sup.
 Fayetteville Circuit, B. Williams, J. A. Walden, Sup.
 Center Point, P. B. Hopkins.
 Bentonville and Siloam, P. B. Summers.
 Bentonville Circuit, D. C. Ross.
 Bloomfield, J. S. Best, D. Sturdy, Sup.
 Maysville, R. P. Hardecastle.
 Viney Grove, J. P. Callaway.
 Boonsboro, S. F. Dykes.
 White River, W. A. Derrick.
 Boston Mountain Mission, to be supplied.
 Huntsville, B. C. McCurry.

Goshen, J. H. Bradford.
 Kingston, to be supplied (by J. W. Maddox).
 Eureka Springs, S. N. Burns.
 Clifton Mission, to be supplied (by J. W. Dutton).
 Sunday-school Agent, J. M. Clayton.

YELLVILLE DISTRICT.

H. C. Jolly, P. E.

Yellville, W. T. Keith.
 Yellville Circuit, J. H. Wade.
 Mountain Home, J. E. Dunaway, W. K. Pugh, E. C. Jones, Sup.
 Buckhorn, J. R. Robertson.
 Big Flat, G. P. R. Vanzant.
 Wylie's Cove, W. M. Baldwin.
 Marshall, W. E. Wilson.
 Jasper, B. C. Matthews.
 Valley Springs, T. M. C. Birmingham.
 Lead Hill, J. P. Caldwell, E. Jones, Sup.
 Harrison and Bellefonte, C. R. Taylor.
 Harrison Circuit, A. Mathis.
 Carrollton, L. W. Harrison.
 Berryville, W. F. England.

R. S. Hunter transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

I. N. Moore transferred to Indian Mission Conference.

T. J. Taylor transferred to North Mississippi Conference.

R. H. Withers transferred to Little Rock Conference.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HARRISONBURG, VA., *March 9-15, 1881.*

BISHOP MCTYEIRE, *President*; JOHN S. MARTIN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Basil Worthington Waters, James Edgar Wilson, Frank Thomas Griffith, John Miller, John Wesley Mitchell, Simpson Veitch Hildebrand, William G. Hodgkin. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? John O. Tackett, Jeremiah Pastorfield, H. A. Brown, John C. Thrasher, Collins Denny. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? James T. Hawkins, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? James W. Grubb, David F. Eutzler, Ormond W. Hammond, Peyton Conway Coe, James L. Porterfield. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from

other Conferences? James L. Kennedy, from Holston Conference.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? John A. Anderson, William N. Wagner, W. K. Marshall, Jacob S. Hopkins, Jas. H. Boyd, W. B. Dorsey, George T. D. Collins, Luke R. Markwood, Robert M. Williams. 9.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? James W. Grubb, David F. Eutzler, Ormond W. Hammond, Peyton Conway Coe, James L. Porterfield. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? James W. Grubb, David F. Eutzler, Ormond W. Hammond, Peyton Conway Coe, James L. Porterfield. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected

deacons? Elhanan W. Wakefield, Robert S. Hite. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Elhanan W. Wakefield. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? William H. Woolf, Frank M. Strother, R. Stewart Cunningham, German O. Homan, John C. Jones, Henry P. Hamill, Lee M. Lyle, John G. Graichen. 8.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? William H. Woolf, Frank M. Strother, R. Stewart Cunningham, German O. Homan, John C. Jones, Henry P. Hamill, Lee M. Lyle. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? William Richardson. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. Newman Hank, J. Wesley Boteler, Joseph N. Spangler, Asbury R. Martin, George R. Jefferson, Edward F. Heterick, James Beaty, S. Samuel Roszell, William Hedges, Larkin H. Crenshaw, Stewart S. Ryder. 11.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Samuel Kepler, John Poisal, Alfred A. Eskridge, Thos. Hildebrand, John W. Tongue, Francis M. Mills, Henry Hoffman, John W. Ewan, E. L. Kregelo, P. S. E. Sixeas, George Stevenson, George W. Lightner, Francis H. Richey, Wm. Hedges. 14.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Ezra F. Busey, Jehu Hank, Enoch G. Jamison. 3.

EZRA F. BUSEY was born in Berkeley County, West Virginia, Oct. 6, 1819, and ended his mortal life and labors in Baltimore, at 10:30 o'clock P.M., May 13, 1880. In March, 1842, the Baltimore Conference met in East Baltimore, and Brother Busey was received on trial into the traveling connection, and was sent to South Branch Circuit, with Horace Holland as senior colleague. In 1843 he traveled Moorfield Circuit with Alfred G. Chenowith; 1844, Front Royal Circuit with Robert Cadden; 1845, Milton, in Northumberland District, with Alem Britten as colleague, and Samuel Brison for presiding elder. In 1846 he was stationed in North Baltimore, with John Bear and R. S. Vinton. In 1847 he was returned to the same charge, with John Bear and John S. Martin. In 1848 he was stationed at Union Chapel, in Washington City, and in 1849 at Alexandria, Va.; 1850 at Warrenton, Va.; 1851-2 at Emory Station, Baltimore. In 1853 he was appointed to East Baltimore, with H. Tarring and E. R. Veitch for colleagues. He was returned to East Baltimore in 1854, with E. R. Veitch and J. Hoffman Waugh; 1855 in Frederick City, with E. Dorsey; 1856, again in Frederick City. This year he was happily married to Miss S. Jane Corner, daughter of the late James Corner. This marriage was blessed with two children, a daughter—who preceded him from earth but a little, just as she was blooming into womanhood—and a son,

who comforted and nursed him in his last illness, and who still survives. His wife died some years ago. During this year also the Conference was divided into the Baltimore and East Baltimore Conferences, and Brother Busey remained with the former. In 1857 the Conference met in Washington, D. C., and Brother Busey was stationed in Fredericksburg, Va. In 1858-59, in Baltimore City Station, with N. J. B. Morgan, B. F. Brook, W. T. D. Clemm, and W. V. Tudor; 1860-61, at Fayette Street. During the last year in this charge the civil war began between the North and South, and Brother Busey was cut off by military lines from his brethren in Virginia, with whom he stood pledged by solemn resolution and vote to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The four years next ensuing were dark and full of peril; yet, Brother Busey, with others, maintained an independent relation; and formed an organization which became the nucleus or basis on which the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was afterward planted in Baltimore City. From 1862 to 1865 he preached in the Assembly Rooms, corner of Lombard and Hanover Streets, to what in time became the Central Congregation; and in 1865 at Winans Chapel, to what afterward became St. Paul's Congregation. In February, 1866, he met in Alexandria, Va., with his brethren of the Baltimore Conference, from whom he had been separated for five years, and here was assigned to Rockingham District as presiding elder, which he traveled four years. In 1870-71 he traveled Roanoke District. From the Conference which met in Warrenton, Va., in 1872, he was sent to Alexandria, Va., where he remained two years. In 1874 he was appointed to Baltimore District, to which he was reappointed in 1875-6-7. In the Minutes of 1878 his name appears amongst the superannuated, in which list he was continued in 1879. This, however, was not at his request. He asked for a supernumerary relation; but, in view of his long and faithful service, and his feeble health, his Conference thought the superannuated relation his proper place, and so granted it. In 1880, at his own request, he was entered as supernumerary, and his name appears in connection with Baltimore Circuit. This was his last appointment. He was not able to render service in this charge. He died soon after Conference. As a preacher, Brother Busey stood high—indeed, much above the ordinary level, and was a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." His sermons were laboriously and thoughtfully prepared, and betokened the fine rhetorical and logical faculties of his mind. He was exhaustive in his treatment of every subject he took in hand, conscientiously endeavoring to the full extent of his ability to edify the Church, and convince and save the erring. His preaching was systematic; all the parts of the sermon fitting so closely, and each part so related to the whole, that the discourse would have been incomplete

without it. It was evangelical and doctrinal. He held close to the standards, and usually preached on some vital theme. With his views and convictions he could not content himself with delivering only an essay on some popular or sensational theme. He pandered to no vitiated taste, and sought to gratify no distempered imagination, or please itching ears. He never yielded to the whims and clamors of the worldly-minded for a diluted gospel, but faithfully held to the "form of sound words," which is "good to the use of edifying." His preaching was scriptural. There was an ingenious and successful attempt to weave in the very language of Scripture, and an apt quotation of the appropriate text to fasten and prove the point of the sermon. His manner of delivery was calm, dispassionate, measured, and usually free from much emotion, but at times his feelings would rise with his theme, and his hearers would be borne along with him to the close. This was notably the case in the last sermons that he preached. In them he seemed to be in a special manner under the baptism of the Holy Ghost. As a Christian, Brother Busey may be regarded as an example to us in many things. We do not claim that our brother was absolutely perfect; he had his faults and weaknesses in common with all men, but he had no fault that was not under the control of divine grace; and it is our duty, in dealing with his memory, and in analyzing his character, not to mention these, but to mention those high and noble qualities which distinguished our brother, and in which he commended himself to us. He was noted for his transparency of character. His sincerity and honesty were apparent to all who knew him. His position was never doubtful on any point that required a positive decision, and his brethren always knew where he stood on the great questions that agitated the Church during his ministry. He was too honest to conceal his convictions, and he was brave enough to contend for his principles; yet this was not done by controversy, or by austerity of manner, but by a firmness mildly adhered to. With this he combined an independence of spirit which was a strong mark of his individuality. But while he held his own opinions, he had respect also for those of others. Assuming the right to think for himself, and following out his thoughts to their proper conclusion, being satisfied that he was right, he was unyielding; yet he respected the man who did not think with him. He was a true friend. To one only slightly acquainted with him he might have appeared cold and unsympathetic; but a closer acquaintance revealed a warmth of love before unknown. The genuine qualities of his heart were disclosed in the freedom and abandon of intimate relationship; and once your friend, he never forsook you, unless by some act or neglect of your own you became estranged from him. His character was singularly pure. If the citizen of Zion has "clean hands and a pure heart," then our brother was fit "to ascend the hill of the Lord,

and to stand in his holy place." No stain of impurity, no breath of suspicion ever attached to his name or reputation through his whole ministry, whether on the circuit, in the station, or on the district. He stood above reproach. And with all, and beneath all, giving tone and sympathy to his character, was a deep religious experience. A sound conversion, subsequent growth in grace and knowledge, and added maturity, formed the basis of the strong and vigorous manhood which marked our brother beloved. This experience glowed with an unwonted luster just before he died. Those who saw and nursed him in his last illness enjoyed a privilege they will not soon forget. There were times when he seemed to catch glimpses of heaven, and a holy rapture possessed his soul; then he would break out in expressions of glory. At one time he said: "O I feel as though I could shout aloud the praises of God!" At another time: "Now, Lord, let thy servant depart in peace." Rejoicing in the cross, he said: "Yes, the cross, the cross! O if I could preach again, how I would hold up Christ and him crucified!" Holding a glass of water in his hand, he said: "I will soon drink the pure water from the River of Life." A day or two before he died, the Rev. Dr. Gibson entered his room, and said: "Brother Busey, how are you today?" He replied: "I am passing through the valley, and am near the other side"—then quoted, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." The day he died, he said to the Rev. Dr. Cox: "I expected to have been at home ere this, but the Father willed it otherwise; amen, be it so." Dr. Cox said: "Brother Busey, you cannot stay much longer with us; have you any last words to say?" "Yes," he said; "my trust is in the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ, and I hope to meet you all on the other side." When near death, Dr. Cox said: "You are suffering, but your sufferings will soon be over." "Yes," he said, "I shall soon rest by the side of my dear wife and child." These were his last words. He passed away so quietly that it was hard to mark the moment he breathed his last. On the following Sabbath his funeral-service was conducted by the Rev. S. Rodgers, D.D., assisted by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Gibsen, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. S. K. Cox, and others, in St. Paul's Church, in the presence of a large congregation. From here we bore him to his grave, and just as the sun went down we laid his mortal remains by those of his wife and daughter, amongst the flowers and foliage of Greenmount Cemetery.

Jehu Hank was born in Monroe County, Virginia, March 26, 1801. He was converted at a camp-meeting in 1818, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was licensed to preach in 1827, and was employed by the presiding elder on South Branch Circuit. In 1828 he was admitted on trial in the Baltimore

Conference, and appointed to the Fincastle Circuit as junior preacher, his brother, Wm. Hank, being preacher in charge. The labors of these men of God were attended with wonderful success—between three and four hundred souls were converted that year. In 1829 he was appointed preacher in charge of Christiansburg Circuit. In 1830 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Soule. His health having declined, he asked for a location, which was granted. In 1834 he was readmitted in the Virginia Conference, and was ordained elder in 1835. When the North Carolina Conference was formed from the territory of the Virginia Conference, Brother Hank became a member of the new Conference. Here he labored acceptably until 1847, when he again located and returned to his home in Monroe County, Virginia. In 1856 he was readmitted to the traveling connection in the Western Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and, after having traveled for several years, was granted a supernumerary relation. After the close of the war he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference, remaining on the supernumerary list until 1872, when he was made effective, and appointed in charge of Gap Mills Circuit, where he served for two years. In 1876 he was placed on the superannuated list, where he remained until his death. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Matilda Bratton, who died March 1, 1830; his second wife was Miss Susan K. Berger, of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, who survives him. All of his children are members of the Church of Christ, and one son, the Rev. J. D. Hank, is a useful member of the Virginia Annual Conference. Brother Hank was a man of unblemished Christian character. His long and useful life was free from stain, and he has left to his children the priceless heritage of a good name. He was widely known throughout the Church as one of the sweet singers of our Israel. His voice was rich, full, and carefully trained, and his happy songs often stirred the hearts of the people, awakening emotions and preparing for the reception of gospel truth. He attended the session of the Lewisburg District Conference, held in Centreville, Monroe County, West Virginia, in May last. In an address to the members of the Conference he expressed his conviction of the fact that he would never enjoy the privilege of thus meeting his brethren in Conference again. On his way home from the District Conference he was taken sick, and after five weeks of intense suffering he fell asleep in Jesus, July 7, 1880. On his death-bed he sung, "Jesus, Lover of my soul," "There is rest for the weary," and other favorite hymns. His end was peace. He died in the Lord, and his works do follow him.

ENOCH G. JAMISON died Dec. 10, 1880, near Newport, Giles County, Virginia. But few particulars have been ascertained of his early history. He was born in Stafford County, Virginia, and was admitted on trial in the Balti-

more Annual Conference in 1841, and sent to Covington Circuit as junior preacher with the Rev. David Trout. From that time forward he served with faithfulness in various arduous fields of labor, upon missions and mountain circuits, and often with much success, until the Conference of 1871, when he located. About three years after this, while on a visit at the house of Captain C. R. Price, near Newport, Giles County, Virginia, he was stricken with paralysis, from which he never entirely recovered. In 1878 he was readmitted to the traveling connection, and given a superannuated relation, which he retained till his death. During this time he continued to labor under much physical suffering. Though never entirely helpless, he was unable to go abroad. "At times," writes his pastor, the Rev. James H. Boyd, "he suffered greatly from acute rheumatism; but he bore his sufferings with wonderful fortitude. So long as he could help himself at all he seemed to think he would ultimately recover, but so soon as he became helpless he gave up all hope of recovery, and fully resigned himself to the will of the Lord, even desiring to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. His spiritual condition seemed to be good, and his future prospects bright. He loved to converse on the subject of 'personal religion,' and would rejoice whenever told of the progress and prosperity of our Zion." So writes one who attended upon him in the last stages of his earthly pilgrimage. In him was fulfilled the scripture, "The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." He died in peace at the comfortable and hospitable home of Brother E. F. Payne, near Newport, Va., where he had passed his last days. Zealous, laborious, and truly pious—while he had some peculiarities which might, perhaps, be accounted eccentricities of character—he was yet emphatically a "good man," and useful in the hard fields of labor to which he was called.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except John G. Graichen, withdrawn.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Baltimore District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. Paul's.....	456	.....	2
Central.....	183	.....	1
Emmanuel.....	167	.....	.....
Frederick Avenue.....	55	.....	.....
Baltimore Circuit.....	201	.....	2
Arlington.....	52	.....	1
Freedom.....	298	.....	2
Linganore.....	349	.....	1
Frederick City.....	92	.....	.....
Rockville.....	559	.....	2
Montgomery.....	202	.....	1
Bladensburg and Emory.....	83	.....	.....

Baltimore District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Beltsville.....	123	.....	.....
Wesley Grove.....	262	.....	.....
South River.....	139	.....	.....
Upper Marlboro.....	105	.....	.....
	3319	.....	12

East Baltimore District.

Trinity.....	425	.....	4
Calvary.....	305	.....	.....
North Baltimore.....	110	.....	.....
East Baltimore.....	87	.....	.....
Taylor's Circuit.....	117	.....	.....
West Harford.....	70	.....	.....
East Harford.....	89	.....	.....
Talbot.....	286	.....	4
Trappe.....	56	.....	.....
Kent.....	86	.....	.....
Queen Anne's.....	368	.....	2
Severn.....	94	.....	.....
West River.....	270	.....	1
Calvert.....	256	.....	2
Prince George's.....	316	.....	2
Charles and St. Mary's.....	206	.....	.....
	3171	.....	15

Washington District.

Mount Vernon Place.....	323	.....	1
Alexandria.....	422	1	.....
Falls Church.....	181	.....	.....
Fairfax.....	205	.....	3
Dranesville.....	201	1	1
Leesburg.....	243	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	309	.....	2
Hillsboro.....	354	.....	2
Loudoun.....	583	.....	2
Piedmont.....	355	1	.....
Linden.....	155	.....	.....
Warrenton.....	297	2	2
Fauquier.....	281	.....	2
Occoquan.....	243	1	.....
Sudley.....	195	1	.....
Prince William Mission.....	11	.....	.....
Stafford.....	425	2	1
Fredericksburg.....	274	.....	.....
	5057	9	16

Winchester District.

Winchester.....	463	.....	1
Winchester Circuit.....	406	.....	2
Cedarville.....	219	1	.....
Front Royal.....	192	.....	3
Warren.....	317	1	.....
Berryville.....	437	.....	2
Brucetown.....	397	.....	1
Martinsburg.....	122	.....	1
Berkeley.....	138	.....	.....
Charlestown.....	258	.....	.....
Frederick.....	127	.....	1
Jefferson.....	190	.....	.....
Blue Ridge Mission.....	85	.....	.....
Shepherdstown.....	293	.....	.....
Gainesboro.....	315	2	.....
Capon Bridge.....	291	4	1
Strasburg.....	218	.....	2
	4468	8	14

Rockingham District.

Staunton.....	367	.....	1
Staunton Circuit.....	168	.....	.....
Harrisonburg.....	291	.....	1
Shenandoah Iron Works.....	75	2	1
Waynesboro.....	117	.....	.....
Augusta.....	201	.....	.....
Mount Sidney.....	242	.....	1
Rockingham.....	228	.....	2
East Rockingham.....	386	.....	1
Port Republic.....	159	.....	1
Mount Pleasant.....	144	.....	2
Luray.....	266	1	2

Rockingham District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
New Market.....	175	2	.....
Woodstock and Edinburg.....	240	.....	1
Columbia Furnace.....	262	.....	3
Bridgewater.....	471	.....	2
Parnassus.....	200	.....	1
West Augusta.....	233	2	.....
	4225	7	19

Roanoke District.

Salem.....	255	.....	2
Roanoke Circuit.....	293	2	3
Blacksburg.....	248	.....	1
Christiansburg.....	173	.....	2
Fincastle.....	190	.....	1
Amsterdam.....	287	.....	1
Lexington Station.....	204	.....	.....
Lexington Circuit.....	161	.....	.....
Upper Botetourt.....	177	.....	2
Collierstown.....	105	.....	.....
James River.....	214	.....	2
Newcastle.....	155	.....	1
Catawba.....	211	3	1
Newport.....	266	1	1
La Fayette.....	335	.....	1
Fairfield.....	250	.....	1
	3524	6	19

Lewisburg District.

Lewisburg.....	185	.....	2
Frankford.....	520	1	1
Blue Sulphur.....	152	.....	.....
Alderson and Ronceverte.....	114	.....	.....
Hinton.....	186	1	.....
Centreville.....	323	1	.....
Peterstown.....	133	.....	1
Union.....	116	.....	.....
Hillsdale.....	179	.....	1
White Sulphur.....	78	.....	2
Covington.....	196	1	2
Alvon.....	140	.....	1
Levelton.....	269	.....	.....
Huntersville.....	84	4	.....
Edray.....	67	1	2
Greenbank.....	243	.....	.....
Highland.....	184	9	.....
Bath.....	98	.....	.....
Mountain Grove.....	80	.....	.....
Dunlap's Creek.....	63	.....	1
	3420	18	13

Moorefield District.

Moorefield.....	275	1	.....
Petersburg.....	158	.....	2
Franklin.....	303	3	.....
Circleville Mission.....	75	.....	1
Crab Bottom.....	237	3	1
Monterey.....	470	.....	1
Keyser and Cumberland.....	99	.....	.....
Mineral.....	66	.....	2
Piedmont.....	100	.....	2
Frostburg.....	159	.....	1
Listonburg.....	194	.....	1
Flintstone and Rainsburg.....	250	.....	1
Springfield.....	371	2	.....
South Branch.....	360	.....	1
Hardy.....	177	.....	1
North River Mission.....	154	1	3
Morgan.....	117	.....	.....
	3565	10	17

Recapitulation.

Baltimore District.....	3319	.....	12
East Baltimore ".....	3171	.....	15
Washington ".....	5057	9	16
Winchester ".....	4468	8	14
Rockingham ".....	4225	7	19
Roanoke ".....	3524	6	19
Lewisburg ".....	3420	18	13
Moorefield ".....	3565	10	17
Total this year.....	30,749	58	125

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1295.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 884.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 474.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 4401.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 27,030.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$5,412 25.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$5,412 25. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$6,387 50; Domestic Missions, \$2,286 05. Total, \$8,673 55.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Fredericksburg, Va.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

S. Rodgers, P. E.

Central, J. A. Regester, J. N. Hank, Sup.
St. Paul's, Isaac W. Canter.
Emmanuel, B. R. Wilburn.
Frederick Avenue, J. F. Baggs.
Reisterstown, C. M. Brown.
Arlington, B. W. Bond.
Freedom, J. J. Engle, B. W. Waters.
Linganore, M. G. Balthis.
Frederick City, H. P. Hamill.
Rockville, G. T. Tyler, F. M. Strother, A. R. Martin, Sup.
Montgomery, W. W. Watts, John Miller.
Bladensburg and Emory, T. W. Brown.
Beltsville, W. H. Woolf.
Wesley Grove, W. E. Miller, J. N. Spangler, Sup.
Laurel and Grace, W. H. Wilson.
Scuth River, H. S. Coe.
Upper Marlboro, David Thomas.
Missionary Secretary M. E. Church, South, A. W. Wilson.
Tract Agent, J. M. Grandin.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

S. Regester, P. E.

Trinity, W. H. D. Harper.
Calvary, S. K. Cox.
North Baltimore, A. E. Bradenbaugh.
East Baltimore, J. W. Grubb.
Taylor's Circuit, W. A. McDonald.
West Harford, G. B. Allen.
East Harford, J. W. Steele.
Talbot, G. H. Zimmerman, J. E. Wilson.
Trappe, B. S. Highley.
Kent, J. L. Kibler.
Queen Anne's, H. A. Gaver.
Church Hill and Stevens, L. W. Haslup.
Severn, F. Furr.
West River, L. R. Jones, J. C. Thrasher.
Calvert, S. B. Dolly, F. T. Griffith.

Prince George's, S. Townsend, one to be supplied.

Charles and St. Mary's, F. H. Shipley, one to be supplied.

Sunday-school Secretary, B. F. Ball.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. S. Gardner, P. E.

Mount Vernon, W. P. Harrison, J. W. Boteler, Sup.

Alexandria, J. A. Kern.

Falls Church, P. B. Smith.

Fairfax, Collins Denny.

Dranesville, J. T. Williams.

Leesburg, W. K. Boyle.

Hamilton, N. Head, L. H. Crenshaw, Sup.

Hillsboro, W. R. Stringer, J. L. Porterfield.

Loudoun, J. H. Waugh, S. W. Haddaway.

Piedmont and Linden, L. M. Lyle, one to be supplied (by J. F. Poulton), S. S. Roszell, Sup.

Warrenton, W. G. Hammond.

Fauquier, J. H. Wolff.

Occoquan, G. Mauzy.

Sudley, J. T. Maxwell.

Prince William Mission, R. Smith.

Stafford, E. H. Henry, one to be supplied.

Fredericksburg, J. W. Duffey.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

J. E. Armstrong, P. E.

Winchester Station, J. W. Shoaff.

Winchester Circuit, A. A. P. Neel.

Cedarville, O. C. Beall.

Front Royal, W. A. Wade.

Warren, J. H. Davidson.

Berryville, F. A. Strother.

Brucetown, J. W. Wolfe, W. J. Hodgkin.

Martinsburg, J. Landstreet.

Berkeley, F. A. Mercer.

Charlestown, P. H. Whisner.

Frederick Mission, J. H. Temple, E. F. Heterick, Sup.

Jefferson, J. O. Tackett.

Blue Ridge Mission, to be supplied.

Shepherdstown, W. G. Eggleston.

Gainesboro, J. S. Porter, J. W. Mitchell.

Wardensville, A. Robey.

Strasburg, J. H. March.

Valley Female College, B. Arbogast, President.

Lonoak Female College, J. P. Hyde, President.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John S. Martin, P. E.

Staunton, Robert R. S. Hough, George R. Jefferson, Sup.

Staunton Circuit, P. Conway Coe.

Harrisonburg, J. Lester Shipley.

Augusta, R. Stewart Cunningham, Ormond W. Hammond.

West Augusta, Rufus H. Wilson.

Parnassus, Robert M. Williams.

Waynesboro, James R. Van Horne.

Bridgewater, David Bush, S. V. Hildebrand.

Mount Sidney, Addison Weller.
 Rockingham, Jacob S. Hopkins.
 East Rockingham, L. H. Graybill.
 Port Republic, Silas R. Snapp.
 Shenandoah Iron Works, A. Poe Boude.
 Furnace No. 2, Aaron Boone.
 Luray, Charles G. Linthicum, H. A. Brown.
 Woodstock and Edinburg, Wm. C. Maloy.
 Mount Jackson, Hamilton W. Kinzer.
 New Market, Elias Welty.
 Shenandoah, G. T. D. Collins.
 Wesleyan Female Institute, William A. Harris, President.

ROANOKE DISTRICT.

T. E. Carson, P. E.

Salem, L. R. Green.
 Roanoke, L. L. Lloyd.
 Blacksburg, W. O. Ross.
 Christiansburg, C. L. Damaron.
 Fincastle, D. F. Eutzler.
 Amsterdam, W. T. Quinn.
 Lexington Station, L. C. Miller.
 Lexington Circuit, W. Hammond.
 Newport, J. H. Boyd.
 La Fayette, W. W. Hedrick.
 Upper Botetourt, O. F. Burgess.
 Newcastle, A. C. McNeer.
 Catawba, Robert Ross.
 Colliertown, Thomas Briley.
 James River, J. K. Gilbert.
 Fairfield, T. G. Nevitt.
 Roanoke Mission, to be supplied.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

J. C. Dice, P. E.

Lewisburg, J. S. Hutchinson.
 Frankford, H. M. Strickler, H. C. Calwell.
 Blue Sulphur, W. H. Sanders.
 Centreville and Alderson, W. L. Lynch, one to be supplied (by D. L. Reid).
 Hinton, J. A. Anderson.
 Peterstown, R. M. Wheeler.

Union, A. O. Armstrong.
 Hillsdale, H. D. Bishop.
 Ronceverte, W. B. Dorsey.
 White Sulphur, J. C. Jones.
 Howard Mission, to be supplied.
 Covington, J. C. Sedwick.
 Alvon, A. H. Way.
 Levelton, V. W. Wheeler, one to be supplied.
 Huntersville, W. N. Wagner.
 Greenbank, La Fayette Fox.
 Highland, C. L. Torryson.
 Bath, J. J. Crickenberger, S. S. Ryder, Sup.
 Mountain Grove, W. M. Hiner.
 Mount Bethel, to be supplied.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.

R. Smithson, P. E.

Moorefield, S. G. Ferguson, J. Beaty, Sup.
 Petersburg, A. M. Cackley.
 Franklin, L. Butt.
 Circleville Mission, to be supplied.
 Crab Bottom, A. Q. Flaherty.
 Monterey, L. G. Martin, J. Pastorfield.
 Keyser, W. E. Woolf.
 North Branch Mission, to be supplied.
 Piedmont, L. R. Markwood.
 Frostburg, J. R. Andrew.
 Listonburg, C. E. Simmons.
 Flintstone, S. F. Butt, W. K. Marshall.
 South Branch, C. A. Joyce.
 Springfield, E. G. Vandiver, one to be supplied.
 Hardy, G. O. Homan.
 North River Mission, A. B. Blue.
 Morgan Mission, to be supplied.

H. H. Kennedy transferred to South Georgia Conference.

W. H. Seat transferred to West Texas Conference.

J. L. Kennedy transferred to Holston Conference.

William H. Lefevre transferred to West Texas Conference.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CORVALLIS, OREGON, August 25-29, 1881.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; JOSEPH EMERY, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Benjamin T. Sharp. 1.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Daniel W. Yokum, from Pacific Conference; James Austin, from Virginia Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? E. P. Warren. 1.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? B. T. Sharp. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? B. T. Sharp. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Morris C. Miller, Theodore H. Burger. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Morris C. Miller, Theodore H. Burger. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? T. V. B. Embree. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? T. V. B. Embree, J. E. Wallace. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? T. S. Burnett. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? C. H. E. Newton, J. W. Stahl. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 25; members, 1471. (No details.)

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 65.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 80.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 18.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 86.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 451.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$110 75. Applied as follows: J. W. Stahl, \$90; C. H. E. Newton, \$20 75.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$256 25; Domestic Missions, \$25. Total, \$281 25.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of

the Conference be held? Walla Walla, Washington Territory.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

J. W. Compton, P. E.

Walla Walla Station, to be supplied.

Weston Circuit, to be supplied (by B. F. King and J. B. Chamberlain).

Pendleton Circuit, S. W. Davies.

Heppner Circuit, T. P. Haynes.

Dayton Circuit, James Austin.

Palouse Circuit, W. H. Klyce.

Spokane Circuit, to be supplied (by J. W. Woodruff and J. D. Grizzle).

Pomeroy, F. W. D. Mays.

BLUE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

T. S. Paul, P. E.

Powder River Circuit, T. S. Paul.

Grande Ronde Circuit, T. H. Burger.

Summerville Circuit, E. P. Warren.

Boise Circuit, D. W. Yokum.

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT.

D. C. McFarland, P. E.

Albany Station, to be supplied.

Lebanon and Tangent Circuit, J. B. Davis.

Brownsville and Harrisburg, E. G. Michael.

Irving and Cottage Grove, to be supplied (by B. R. Baxter).

Junction City Circuit, A. Hardison.

Corvallis, J. R. N. Bell.

Dallas Circuit, Joseph B. Perkins.

La Fayette Circuit, to be supplied (by James E. Wallace).

Oregon City Circuit, J. W. Shreve.

Calapooia Mission, P. A. Moses.

Corvallis College, Joseph Emery.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

R. C. Oglesby, P. E.

Jacksonville Circuit, R. C. Oglesby.

Roseburg Circuit, M. C. Miller.

Williamsburg Circuit, to be supplied.

Coquille, B. T. Sharp.

Oakland, to be supplied.

Linkville Mission, H. B. Swafford.

T. B. White transferred to Denver Conference.

DENVER CONFERENCE.

HELD AT DENVER, COLORADO, Oct. 27-31, 1881.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; J. W. CARNES, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Darius Conrad. 1.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? J. A. Tardy, W. T. Williams. 2.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. A. Freeman. 1.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? W. A. Amsbary, Hugh Griffin. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? D. L. Rader and J. R. A. Vaughn, from Missouri Conference; T. B. White, from Columbia Conference; George Needham, from Louisville Conference; O. F. Sensabaugh, from Holston Conference; W. A. Freeman, from Memphis Conference; W. T. Williams, from Virginia Conference; J. A. Tardy, from North Georgia Conference. 8.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? O. F. Sensabaugh. 1.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. W. Carnes, C. B. Riddiek? 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? None.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Denver District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Denver Station.....	165	2
Fort Lupton.....	9	.....

Denver District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Sterling Circuit.....	40	4
Divide Circuit.....	54	.....
Colorado Springs.....	34	.....
Pueblo Station.....	82	.....
Cañon City Circuit.....	51	.....
Silver Cliff.....	40	1
Huerfano.....	74	2
Raton Circuit.....	17	1
West Las Animas.....	6	.....
	572	10

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 33.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 21.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 12.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 68.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 538.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$100.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$12 50. Paid to J. R. McClure.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$198; Domestic Missions, \$95 50. Total, \$293 50.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Trinidad.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

DENVER DISTRICT.

D. L. Rader, P. E.

Denver Station, C. B. Riddiek.

West Denver and Fort Lupton, George Needham.

Sterling Circuit, W. A. Freeman.

Divide Circuit, J. R. McClure.

Colorado Springs, J. R. A. Vaughn.

Pueblo, T. B. White.

Trinidad and West Las Animas, to be supplied.

La Veta, D. Conrad.

Gardiner, A. H. Quillian.

Florence, to be supplied.

Silver Cliff and Texas Creek, W. A. Amsbary.

Leadville, to be supplied (by D'Arcy Vaughn).

El Moro, to be supplied.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT.

W. W. Welsh, P. E.

Albuquerque, to be supplied.

Las Vegas, W. T. Williams.

San Juan, Hugh Griffin.

San Luis, J. W. Carnes.

Socorro, J. A. Tardy.

Durango, O. F. Sensabaugh.

White Oaks, to be supplied (by James W. Agee).

Mexican Mission, to be supplied.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, Dec. 14-19, 1881.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; E. F. BOONE, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Perry O. Tunnell, Michael E. Blocker, James T. Murrish, Joseph M. Smith, Drewry W. Towns, Bartlett R. Bolton. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William H. Crawford. 1.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Jordan L. Dawson, George A. LeClere, Francis J. Browning. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? James P. Rodgers. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. W. Bridwell, from North Texas Conference; I. M. Carter, from South-west Missouri Conference; J. A. Stafford, from North Texas Conference? 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? T. P. Smith, E. C. Finley, R. M. Sproule, W. B. Patterson, I. M. Carter. 5.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? George A. LeClere, Francis J. Browning. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Jordan L. Dawson, George A. LeClere, Francis J. Browning, Robert M. Sproule. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Bartlett R. Bolton, Martin D. Long, James T. Murrish, George W. Langley, Geo. H. Stovall, Washington Broyles, Joseph H. Westmoreland, James W. Brice. 8.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Bartlett R. Bolton, Martin D. Long, James T. Murrish, George W. Langley, George H. Stovall, Ed. D. Ogburn, Francis H. Parker, Washington Broyles. 8.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Littleton M. Fowler, Joseph T. Smith, Hilliard H. Vaughan, Albert Little, Thomas T. Booth, James F. Henderson. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Littleton M. Fowler, Joseph T. Smith, Hilliard H. Vaughan, Albert Little, Thomas T. Booth, James F. Henderson. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? H. B. Phillips, Haston Twomey. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Hiram B. Phillips, Haston Twomey, Martin Windsor. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? E. P. Rogers, Daniel Morse. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? John B. Tullis, W. N. Bonner. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? J. C. A. Bridges. 1. (No memoir.)

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Marshall District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Marshall Station.....	240	6
Harrison Circuit.....	151	.....
Elysian Fields.....	350	3
Hallville.....	104	1
Bellevue.....	389	1
Longview.....	360	4
Henderson Station.....	195	5
Overton and Troupe Circuit.....	268	2
Starrville.....	490	4
Garden Valley.....	812	5
Prairieville.....	338	4
Mineola.....	237	5
	3934	40

Palestine District.

Palestine Station.....	185	2
Palestine Circuit.....	285	6
West Palestine.....	163	.....
Tyler Station.....	197	2
Trinity Circuit.....	260	6
Athens.....	532	4
Kickapoo.....	254	3
Jacksonville.....	410	2
Rusk.....	579	6
Crockett and Augusta.....	188	3
Crockett Circuit.....	488	7
Pennington.....	155	5

Palestine District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Mount Vernon Mission.....	178	4
Larissa.....	382	3
	4198	53

San Augustin District.

San Augustin and Nacogdoches.....	64	1
San Augustin Mission.....	151	3
Melrose Circuit.....	378	4
Lynn Flat and Douglass.....	394	3
Pine Hill.....	515	3
Carthage Station.....	114	.....
Carthage Circuit.....	575	2
Buena Vista.....	247	2
Pleasant Grove.....	300	4
Milam.....	310	3
Concord.....	298	7
Shelby.....	860	8
	4206	40

Beaumont District.

Beaumont and Orange.....	163	2
Liberty Circuit.....	118	.....
Livingston.....	219	3
Moscow.....	118	1
Homer.....	467	12
Woodville.....	297	1
Jasper.....	320	3
Newton.....	350	5
Terry and Sabine Pass Mission.....	24	.....
	2076	27

Recapitulation.

Marshall District.....	3934	40
Palestine	4198	53
San Augustin	4206	40
Beaumont	2076	27
Total this year.....	14,414	160

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 641.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 785.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 133.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 765.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 5732.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,183 40. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$1,454 65; Domestic Missions, \$1,089 55. Total, \$2,544 20.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Henderson, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

S. W. Turner, P. E.

Marshall Station, J. R. Wages.
Harrison Circuit, F. J. Browning, D. Morse, Sup.
Elysian Fields, W. H. Ardis.
Hallville, H. M. Booth.
Longview, D. P. Cullen.
Henderson Station, J. M. Truitt.
Bellevue, G. A. LeClere, W. H. Crawford.

Overton and Troupe, Albert Little.
Starrville, C. H. Smith.
Garden Valley, J. F. Henderson.
Mineola and Harris Chapel, J. A. Stafford.
Canton, J. R. D. Taylor.
Prairieville, P. O. Tunnell.
Alexander Institute, I. Alexander.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

John Adams, P. E.

Tyler Station, U. B. Phillips.
Trinity Circuit, M. E. Blocker.
Athens, James T. Murrish.
Kickapoo, T. T. Booth.
Palestine Station, R. S. Finley.
West Palestine Circuit, J. C. Woolam.
Palestine Circuit, J. P. Rodgers.
Crockett Circuit, L. C. Crouse.
Crockett and Augusta Station, J. W. Johnson.
Lovelady Circuit, Bartlett R. Bolton.
Mount Vernon Circuit, E. T. Brasher.
Rusk Circuit, E. F. Boone.
Jacksonville Circuit, L. M. Fowler, E. P. Rogers, Sup.
Larissa Circuit, T. P. Smith.
Bible Agent, J. C. Huckabee.

SAN AUGUSTIN DISTRICT.

W. A. Sampey, P. E.

San Augustin and Nacogdoches Station, J. L. Dawson, A. D. Parks, Sup.
San Augustin Mission, J. N. Bridges.
Melrose Circuit, J. M. Mills.
Douglass Mission, R. Menifee.
Lynn Flat Circuit, J. B. Hall.
Pleasant Grove, G. D. Wilson.
Pine Hill, J. S. Mathis.
Carthage Station, W. B. Patterson.
Carthage Circuit, I. M. Carter.
Concord Circuit, to be supplied (by Haston Twomey).
Buena Vista, D. S. Watkins.
Shelby, J. T. Smith.
Milam, J. M. Smith.
Bible Agent, J. M. Bond.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

R. W. Thompson, P. E.

Beaumont and Orange Station, F. M. Stovall.
Liberty, R. M. Sproule.
Grand Cane Mission, to be supplied (by J. T. Browning).
Livingston, Lacy Boone.
Moscow, to be supplied (by C. H. Martin).
Barsola Circuit, D. M. Stovall.
Homer Circuit, B. A. Thomasson.
Woodville Circuit, H. H. Vaughan.
Spurgerville Mission, R. M. Kirby.
Jasper Circuit, W. W. Bridwell.
Newton Circuit, M. Donegan.
Sabine Pass and Double Bayou Mission, T. Wilson.

E. C. Finley transferred to Texas Conference.
W. T. Burke transferred to West Texas Conference.

Samuel Weaver transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, *January 18-23, 1882.*

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; F. PASCO, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Emory J. Holmes, William H. Steinmyer, William F. LeGette, Thomas A. Branch, Olin A. Hiscock, Levi W. Moore, Aurelio Silvera, Edward F. Ley. 8.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Samuel B. Black, Robert B. Bryan. 2.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Rufus A. Russell, Absalom M. C. Russell. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? William Dunbar, James B. Johnston, Melanclthon A. Philips. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Enoch H. Giles. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? R. L. Honiker, E. H. Harmon, H. H. Kennedy, A. C. LeGette, William A. Simmons. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Andrew W. J. Best, Frank R. Bridges, H. Summers Miller, William M. McIntosh, William H. Parker, William S. Richardson, Thos. J. Nixon, William O. Hampton. 8.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? William Dunbar, James B. Johnston, Melanclthon A. Philips. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? William Dunbar, James B. Johnston, Melanclthon A. Philips. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? E. D. Luter. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? William R. Talley. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Claude A. Saunders, John B. Ley. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Claude A. Saunders, John B. Ley, Overton W. Ransom. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Stephen W. Carson, T. W. Moore, W. M. McIntosh. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Edward F. Gates, M. M. Michan, A. A. Presbrey, A. A. Robinson, Overton W. Ransom. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Thos. R. Barnett, David W. Core, Archibald Johnson, John Penny, James A. Wiggins, Elias J. Knight, S. Gardner. 7.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Wallace G. Royster. 1.

WALLACE GARDNER ROYSTER was born May 15, 1854, and was admitted on trial into the Florida Annual Conference January 11, 1879. After serving Enterprise Mission one year, and Duval Mission nearly two years, he finished his course with joy on Sept. 5, 1881, at Camp Moony, Duval County, Fla. Near the end of his first year on Duval Mission he was married to Miss Louise Gardner. Brother Royster sprang from Methodist ancestry—his father, grandfather, and two uncles were members of the Florida Conference. He was born in a Methodist home, and reared by parents whose lives were beautified by ardent and consistent piety. His spirit was gentle and tender, his attachments strong and lasting, his manners modest and genial. While the softer virtues seemed to predominate in his character, he did not lack strength of will and tenacity of purpose. He was fully committed to the work of the ministry, but while he was completely consecrated to the Master's service, he was keenly sensible of the need of mental preparation for that difficult and responsible work. He began his itinerant life by fervently resolving to improve to the utmost all his opportunities for acquiring knowledge. By as close application to study as circumstances would permit, and by a judicious selection of books, his mind was rapidly enlarged and enriched. His profit was apparent to all. His improvement was especially manifest in his sermons, which were marked by knowledge of doctrine, thoroughness of treatment, orderly arrangement, vigor of thought, simplicity and clearness of style, and great propriety in the use of language. His manner in the pulpit was serious and earnest, impressing his hearers with his honesty and sincerity. The truths he proclaimed in the pulpit were the principles that regulated his daily deportment. He enjoyed the religion he recommended. Brother Royster had the misfortune to lose his horse while he was serving Duval Mission, and having no money to buy another, he had either to abandon the field or travel the mission on foot. His frame was not strong, nor his health vigorous, but, actuated by a high sense of duty, and urged by a warm desire to save souls, our noble young brother resolved to remain and

do his best without a horse. With aching limbs and weary feet he toiled on under the burning sun, and in the face of the wintry blast, on the sandy road and through the swamp, wet by the rain from heaven and by the deep waters he was forced to wade, inspired by a sublime heroism, he went from appointment to appointment, proclaiming the glorious gospel of the grace of God. "I have often seen him," writes Brother Moore, in his obituary, "wet up to his knees from wading, and sometimes, when the water was deep, he would strip himself for the better wading of creeks or swamps." Thank God for such instances of heroic self-sacrifice, lofty courage, and grand endurance! Brother Royster's body was unequal to the demands of the ardent spirit. The tabernacle was shaken and shattered. Disease fastened upon him, and he was laid aside to suffer and to die. His submission to the divine will was as meek as his obedience had been instant and hearty. The grace that had inspired and sustained him under his labors and exposure was magnified during the weary days and nights of protracted suffering, for he was enabled to rejoice in tribulation also. As his bodily strength decayed, and he drew nearer the heavenly land, the spirit asserted the mastery, and the fine traits that composed his character grew more and more lovely. When he ceased to suffer, he passed through the gates into the city of the great King.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of S. Gardner, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of Tampa District for investigation.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Tallahassee District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Tallahassee	129	.....	.....
Leon Circuit	113	.....	.....
Monticello	135	1	.....
Union Circuit	247	.....	2
Crawfordville	281	.....	2
Waukeenah	204	.....	2
Quincy	68	.....	.....
Wacissa Mission	75	.....	1
Little River Circuit	211	.....	.....
Gadsden Circuit	186	.....	1
Gadsden Mission	65	.....	1
Liberty Mission	121	5	3
Apalachicola	114	.....	.....
	1949	6	12

Live Oak District.

Live Oak Circuit	258	.....	11
Madison and Ellaville	146	.....	2
Madison Circuit	510	.....	.....
Mosely Hall Circuit	160	.....	4
La Fayette Mission	182	.....	1
Jasper Circuit	155	.....	2
Welborn Circuit	401	.....	4
Lake City	118	.....	2
Columbia Circuit	248	.....	2
Newnansville Circuit	246	.....	3

Live Oak District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lake Butler Circuit	211	.....	2
St. Mary's Mission	140	.....	3
White Springs Circuit	235	.....	1
	3110	.....	37

Gainesville District.

Gainesville*	86	.....	1
Starke and Waldo	85	.....	4
Hawthorne Circuit	175	.....	1
Micanopy Circuit	152	.....	1
Bronson and Cedar Keys	74	.....	.....
Archer Circuit	110	.....	1
Ocala	78	1	.....
Marion Circuit	139	.....	2
Ocklawaha Circuit	180	.....	1
Moss Bluff and Lake Weir Mission ..	65	.....	1
Hernando Mission	150	.....	1
Fort Mason Circuit	105	.....	2
Leesburg and Yallaha	103	.....	.....
Sumter Circuit	368	.....	6
Brooksville Circuit	58	.....	.....
	1928	1	21

Jacksonville District.

Jacksonville	163	.....	2
La Villa	64	.....	.....
Duval Circuit	159	.....	3
Fernandina	100	.....	.....
Nassau Circuit .....	.....	.....	.....
Mandarin Circuit	51	.....	.....
Palatka and Green Cove	89	.....	2
St. Augustine Mission	34	.....	.....
Fruitland Circuit	182	.....	2
Enterprise Mission	86	.....	1
Melenville and Lake Jessup	218	1	1
Orlando Circuit	142	3	3
Apopka City Circuit	152	1	3
Indian River Mission	35	.....	1
	1475	5	13

Tampa District.

Tampa	120	.....	2
Key West: First Charge	284	.....	.....
Sparks's Chapel	245	.....	.....
Cuban Mission .....	.....	.....	.....
Bartow Circuit	356	.....	3
Fort Dade Circuit	275	.....	4
Alafia Circuit	335	.....	7
Manatee Circuit	109	.....	4
Fort Myers Circuit	65	1	1
Clear Water Circuit	250	.....	2
Pine Level Circuit	142	.....	5
Fort Ogden Circuit	47	.....	.....
	2224	1	28

Recapitulation.

Tallahassee District	1949	6	12
Live Oak "	3110	.....	37
Gainesville "	1928	1	21
Jacksonville "	1475	5	13
Tampa "	2224	1	28
Total this year	10,686	13	116

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 591.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 263.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 158.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 894.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 5627.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$1,514 57. Distributed to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Missions, \$1,119 64; Domestic Missions, \$1,073. Total, \$2,192 64.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Jacksonville, Fla.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT.

Charles E. Dowman, P. E.

Tallahassee, H. H. Kennedy.
Leon Circuit, W. S. Richardson.
Monticello, F. Pasco.
Union Circuit, E. J. Holmes.
Waukeenah Circuit, R. M. Tydings.
Quincy, C. A. Saunders.
Crawfordville Circuit, J. B. Ley.
Little River Circuit, R. H. Houren.
Gadsden Circuit, R. Martin.
Gadsden Mission, W. G. Booth.
Liberty Mission, to be supplied.
Apalachicola Mission, J. A. Castell.

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

Samuel E. Phillips, P. E.

Live Oak Circuit, W. H. F. Robarts, M. M. Michan, Sup.
Madison, W. Dunbar.
Ellaville Circuit, S. B. Black.
Madison Circuit, W. C. Collins.
Mosely Hall Circuit, to be supplied (by J. S. Barnett).
Troy Circuit, J. D. Rogers.
Old Town Mission, to be supplied.
Lake City, E. L. T. Blake.
Welborn Circuit, to be supplied.
Columbia Circuit, T. J. Phillips.
Newnansville Circuit, T. W. Tomkies.
Lake Butler Circuit, W. R. Johnson.
St. Mary's and Benton Mission, R. B. Bryan.
Sunday-school Secretary and Agent, J. M. Hendry.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

Henry E. Partridge, P. E.

Gainesville, James P. De Pass.
Starke and Waldo, to be supplied.

Hawthorn Circuit, W. M. Watts.
Micanopy Circuit, S. L. Smith.
Bronson and Cedar Keys, J. B. Johnson.
Archer Circuit, W. F. LeGette.
Levy Mission, to be supplied.
Ocala, E. H. Harmon.

Marion Circuit, J. C. Ley, one to be supplied.
Ocklawaha Circuit, J. S. Collier.
Moss Bluff Mission, to be supplied (by E. D. Luter).

Fort Mason Circuit, W. H. Steinmeyer.
Leesburg and Yallaha, W. F. Norton.
Sumter Circuit, A. C. LeGette.

Key West: First Charge, R. L. Honiker.
Sparks's Chapel, J. J. Seely.
Cuban Mission, H. B. Someillan.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Charles A. Fulwood, P. E.

St. Paul's, H. B. Avery.
La Villa, H. B. Frazee.
Duval Mission, to be supplied.
Fernandina, J. Atkins.
Nassau Circuit, to be supplied (by J. Russell).
Mandarin Circuit, H. S. Miller.
Palatka and Green Cove, S. Woodbery.
St. Augustine Mission, L. W. Moore.
Fruitland Circuit, T. Bishop.
New Smyrna Mission, to be supplied.
Sanford and Earnest Chapel, A. A. Barnett.
Kissimer City Mission, E. F. Ley.
Apopka Circuit, R. H. Barnett, O. W. Ran-
som, Sup.
Orlando Circuit, A. Peeler, one to be supplied.
Lake Jessup Circuit, William A. Simmons.
Indian River Mission, J. T. Duncan.

TAMPA DISTRICT.

William C. Jourdan, P. E.

Tampa, U. S. Bird.
Bartow Circuit, C. E. Pelot.
Fort Dade Circuit, W. Williams.
Alafia Circuit, W. H. Parker.
Brooksville Circuit, W. Davies.
Hernando Mission, to be supplied.
Manatee, F. R. Bridges, E. F. Gates, A. A. Robinson, Sup.
Fort Myers, E. H. Giles.
Clear Water Circuit, M. A. Philips.
Pine Level Circuit, G. W. Mitchell.
Fort Ogden Circuit, W. E. Collier.
Oak Hill Circuit, T. A. Branch.

A. W. J. Best transferred to Western Virginia Conference.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, Nov. 30—Dec. 4, 1881.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; JOHN B. A. AHRENS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. Peter H. Hensch, G. A. Hempel. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? G. Gerdes. 1.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? William Knolle, Jacob Merkel. 2.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? None.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Jacob Merkel. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Jacob Merkel. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? George A. Hempel. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? George A. Hempel. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John H. Bohmfalk, Gustave Mueller, George H. Zimmerman. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? John H. Bohmfalk, Gustave Mueller, George H. Zimmerman. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Edward Parvitzki, C. Schoeffner. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Edward Parvitzki. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? None.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

West Texas District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Llano.....	84	1
New Fountain.....	77	2
Grassyville.....	80	1
Fredericksburg.....	75	1
Gibolo and Guadalupe.....	63	.....
New Braunfels.....	32	.....
Cistern.....	4	.....
Weimar.....	22	.....
Yorktown.....	27	1
	461	6

East Texas District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Houston Station.....	144	1
Houston Mission.....	.....	.....
Bellville.....	64	.....
Industry.....	50	1
Long Prairie.....	25	1
	283	3

Louisiana District.

Dryades-street Church.....	195	3
Craps-street Church.....	118	1
Sorapam and Carrollton.....	66	.....
Lake Charles.....	16	.....
Mobile.....	11	.....
Clinton.....	30	.....
Plaquemine and Railroad Mission.....	25	.....
St. Tammany.....	35	1
	496	5

Recapitulation.

West Texas District.....	461	6
East Texas ".....	283	3
Louisiana ".....	496	5
Total this year.....	1243	14

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 158.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 25.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 150.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 799.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$161 90.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$161 90. Applied as follows: Widow of A. Albright, \$35 50; widow of J. C. Weimer, \$35 50; widow of J. C. Kopp, \$35 50; widow of H. Ebers, \$35 50.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$850; Domestic Missions, \$680 20. Total, \$1,530 20.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? New Orleans, La.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Jacob Bader, P. E.

Llano Circuit, George A. Hempel.

New Fountain Circuit, George Mueller.

Grassyville Circuit, William Lieser.
 Fredericksburg Mission, Frederick Vorden-
 baumen.
 Cibolo Valley Mission, J. A. Schaper.
 Weimar Mission, Jacob Kern.
 Cistern Mission, George H. Zimmerman.
 New Braunfels Mission, F. W. Hardt.
 Yorktown and Quero, August Scheurich.
 Victoria Mission, to be supplied.

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

John Prinzing, P. E.

Houston Station, William Knolle.
 Houston Mission, J. A. Pauly.
 Bellville and Caldwell, C. A. Grote, one to be
 supplied (by D. Schrimph).

Industry Mission, John Prinzing.
 Long Prairie Mission, Gerd Gerdes.
 Travis Mission, to be supplied.
 District High School, John A. G. Rabe.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

J. B. A. Ahrens, P. E.

Dryades-street Church, J. B. A. Ahrens.
 Craps-street Church, John G. Krauter.
 Sorapam and Carrollton, P. H. Hench.
 Osyka Mission, to be supplied.
 Buitaville and Plaquemine, to be supplied.
 Lake Charles Mission, J. H. Bohmfalk.
 Mobile Mission, Jacob Merkel.
 St. Tammany Mission, to be supplied (by F.
 Mathies).

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

HELD AT WYTHEVILLE, VA., October 26-31, 1881.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; B. W. S. BISHOP, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. L. M. Cartwright, John S. Bourne,
 Samuel H. Hilliard, Arthur W. Curtis. 4.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William C.
 Farris, Joseph A. Stubblefield, David Mc-
 Cracken. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? C. M.
 Campbell. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connec-
 tion? Boyd W. Fielder, John L. Prater,
 David V. Price, Joseph A. Cook, William J.
 Sage, William H. Horton, John J. Brooks,
 Samuel L. Richardson. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? C. D.
 Smith. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from
 other Conferences? W. H. Leith, from the
 Mississippi Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?
 Eugene Blake, William M. Boring, George
 W. Jackson, Richard A. Kelley, J. Early
 Moore, R. G. Waterhouse, James H. Weaver,
 Joseph T. Wampler, A. G. Blankenbeckler,
 W. A. Thomas. 10.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elect-
 ed deacons? Boyd W. Fielder, David V.
 Price, Joseph A. Cook, William J. Sage, Wil-
 liam H. Horton. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ord-
 ained deacons? Boyd W. Fielder, David V.
 Price, Joseph A. Cook, William J. Sage, Wil-
 liam H. Horton. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected
 deacons? William L. Jones. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained

deacons? Frederick F. Repass, William L.
 Jones. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elect-
 ed elders? William B. Pickens, George W.
 Summers, Robert A. Owen, George A. Ogles-
 by. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ord-
 ained elders? James L. Kennedy, William
 B. Pickens, George W. Summers, Robert A.
 Owen, George A. Oglesby. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected
 elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained
 elders? Samuel W. Brown. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Wal-
 ter H. Stevens, Timothy P. Darr, Joseph H.
 Sensabaugh. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? John
 Alley, G. W. K. Green, S. Philips, J. S. Bur-
 nett, W. B. Reese, G. W. Renfro, William L.
 Turner, G. Taylor, William H. Dawn, Joseph
 A. Wiggins, T. T. Salyer, C. D. Smith. 12.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. H.
 Robinson, W. B. Baldwin, W. H. Bates, J. K.
 P. Ball, W. H. Cooper, L. W. Crouch, S. D.
 Gaines, Joseph Haskew, R. A. Giddens, T. J.
 Pope, William Robeson, Timothy Sullins, W.
 H. Barnes, William Hicks, J. D. Baldwin, J.
 M. McTeer. 16.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during
 the past year? Samuel S. Grant, Elbert L.
 Barrett. 2.

SAMUEL S. GRANT was born in Washington
 County, Va., March 24, 1839. He was the

youngest of eight children, all of whom survive him. His boyhood was distinguished by more than ordinary seriousness—a love of sacred things and an inclination to religion. He became a student at Emory and Henry College in 1854, and remained there two years. While there he joined the M. E. Church, South. The family to which Brother Grant belonged was Presbyterian, but he was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Methodist Church. He thought her polity, and especially her itinerant ministry, better adapted than any other to the promotion and spread of the religion of the Bible. In 1856 he obtained a cadetship in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he remained two years. In 1859 he was admitted on trial into the Holston Conference. When the war broke out he was traveling the Burnsville Circuit in North Carolina. Many of his members went into the army; he went with them, and became chaplain to the regiment of North Carolina troops commanded by Col. R. B. Vance. When he left the army he returned to the Conference and to the work of the ministry. In September, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Lewis, of Burnsville, N. C. Soon after his marriage he located. He was forced to take this step, as he thought, by the stress of circumstances. His heart was saddened by the thought of turning away from the loved employment to which he had consecrated himself. Meantime his wife died, and his spirit was filled with gloom, but his religion never failed him; clouds and darkness were round about him, but his faith triumphed. In 1875 he was readmitted into the Conference, and appointed to the Brevard Circuit in North Carolina, where he remained four years; in 1879 he was appointed to the Staffordsville Circuit in Virginia, and in 1880 to the Jacksboro Circuit in Tennessee. On the 6th of October he was stricken with paralysis. From the first he was speechless and unconscious. He rallied a little and regained consciousness, and anxious friends began to hope that he might get up; but on the 12th of October another stroke of paralysis reached the heart, the wheels of life suddenly stopped, and he was gone. He did an excellent work on the Jacksboro Circuit, and attached his people to him by the strongest cords of love. When he was stricken down they flocked to his bedside from every part of the circuit, and all that the tenderest sympathy could suggest was done for his comfort and recovery, but to no avail. The Rev. J. A. Lyons performed the burial-service, and they laid him away to sleep in the village cemetery at Jacksboro, Tenn. The Conference and the Church sustain a great loss in the death of Brother Grant. He was a man of fine intellect, well cultivated. He was a pleasant companion, and a friend to be loved. He was a devout Christian. As a preacher, he was a man of one work. He was a patient, prayerful student of the Bible. He preached the gospel, and his preaching was clear, and forcible, and spiritual. He was a most labo-

rious pastor. He was methodical in his work, and his plan embraced every department of Church-work. Especially in the Sunday-school work did he exhibit much tact and wisdom. He could leave us no dying testimony, but his consistent, consecrated life is eloquent in speech. He leaves in this world two bright little boys. These orphan boys appeal to our sympathy, and need our prayers and our help. We will not forget them.

ELBERT L. BARRETT was born and reared in Hawkins County, Tenn. Very early in life he joined the M. E. Church, South. He was a lively and zealous Christian from the first—full of faith and good works. When quite a boy he was licensed to exhort. In September, 1871, he was licensed to preach at Jonesville Camp-ground, in Lee County, Va. In 1873 he was admitted on trial in the Holston Conference. From that time until his death he pursued faithfully and efficiently the work of a traveling preacher, except about two years, during which time he was hindered by personal affliction. In 1876 he was happily married to Miss Corinna Mynatt, of Knox County, Tenn., who, with one little daughter, survives him. Brother Barrett's last appointment was the Gladeville Circuit. In May he was stricken down with a fever; three physicians were called to see him; the people were very kind and attentive; but the disease could not be checked, and on June 13th Brother Barrett fell asleep in Jesus. He was a true man. He was deeply pious. He was fully consecrated to the Lord and to the work of the ministry. His conscience was supreme, and his faith unflinching. He heroically followed the call of duty into the hardest and darkest places. He has left us the heritage of a life of faith and devotion to Christ, and his dying testimony to the power of our holy religion to triumph over death. He rejoiced in the dying hour, and these are his last words: "Tell the presiding elder to say to my brethren that I fall as a soldier—at my post."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of J. W. Lloyd, who was suspended for one year, or until the next session of the Conference.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Wytheville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Wytheville Station.....	201	.....	1
Wytheville Circuit.....	925	2	4
Marion Station.....	214	4	1
Marion Circuit.....	720	.....	7
Newbern Circuit.....	660	.....	4
Jacksonville Circuit.....	536	1	6
Hillsville Circuit.....	524	2	6
Elk Creek Circuit.....	850	.....	4

Wytheville District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Independence Circuit.....	725	3	4
Jefferson Circuit.....	750	.....	5
Lead Mines Circuit.....	462	.....	5
Fancy Gap Mission.....	182	.....	4
	6752	12	51

Jeffersonville District.

Jeffersonville Station.....	244	.....	.....
Liberty Hill Circuit.....	547	.....	3
Saltville Circuit.....	460	3	2
Sharon Springs Circuit.....	418	.....	4
Seddon Circuit.....	736	.....	7
Staffordville Circuit.....	516	1	3
Pearisburg Circuit.....	332	.....	1
Princeton Circuit.....	619	.....	9
East Tazewell Circuit.....	658	.....	9
Bluestone Mission.....	288	.....	.....
McDowell Mission.....	150	.....	1
Buchanan Mission.....	240	1	1
	5208	5	40

Abingdon District.

Abingdon Station.....	188	1	.....
Abingdon Circuit.....	577	.....	3
Emory Circuit.....	538	.....	4
Bristol Station.....	400	3	3
Bristol Circuit.....	625	4	3
Bristol Mission.....	30	.....	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	820	.....	3
Dickensonville Circuit.....	724	2	2
McClure Mission.....	200	.....	3
Gladeville Circuit.....	368	2	3
Jonesville Circuit.....	518	2	6
Stickleyville Circuit.....	265	1	1
Rye Cove Circuit.....	427	.....	2
Estellville Circuit.....	339	1	4
	6019	16	37

Jonesboro District.

Jonesboro Station.....	111	.....	.....
Jonesboro Circuit.....	312	.....	1
Johnson City Station.....	145	1	1
Union Circuit.....	384	.....	.....
Blountville Circuit.....	505	.....	2
Kingsport Circuit.....	315	.....	4
Rogersville Circuit.....	241	.....	.....
Sneedville Circuit.....	421	.....	2
St. Clair Circuit.....	284	.....	4
Newport Circuit.....	331	.....	.....
Greeneville Circuit.....	320	.....	1
Rheatown Circuit.....	340	.....	4
Fall Branch Circuit.....	247	.....	3
Taylorsville Circuit.....	99	.....	.....
Vanderbilt Mission.....	143	.....	.....
Watauga Circuit.....	616	.....	7
Morristown Station.....	204	.....	2
Morristown Circuit.....	377	1	.....
	5195	2	31

Knoxville District.

Church-street Station.....	361	.....	2
Broad-street Station.....	325	.....	2
City Mission.....	66	.....	1
Knoxville Circuit.....	335	.....	.....
Lenoir Circuit.....	232	.....	1
Unita and Morganton Circuit.....	174	1	.....
Maryville Circuit.....	289	.....	.....
Sevierville Circuit.....	272	1	2
Strawberry Plains Circuit.....	410	.....	7
Mossy Creek Station.....	103	.....	2
Rutledge Circuit.....	375	.....	3
Andersonville Circuit.....	303	.....	3
Clinton Circuit.....	288	1	2
Jacksboro Circuit.....	360	.....	2
Tazewell Circuit.....	342	.....	9
Philadelphia and London Circuit.....	330	1	1
Powell's Valley Circuit.....	608	.....	7
	5293	4	36

Chattanooga District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Market-street Station.....	276	.....	1
Whiteside-street Station.....	220	.....	2
City Mission.....	34	.....	.....
Trenton Circuit.....	459	.....	5
Hamilton Circuit.....	150	.....	2
Ooltewah Circuit.....	305	.....	2
Cleveland Station.....	172	.....	1
Cleveland Circuit.....	170	.....	.....
Charleston Circuit.....	377	.....	3
Riceville Circuit.....	309	.....	.....
Athens Station.....	87	.....	.....
Athens Circuit.....	314	1	3
Madisonville Circuit.....	400	.....	1
Sweetwater Circuit.....	248	1	.....
Eleazer Circuit.....	325	1	2
Tellico Mission.....	74	.....	1
	3920	3	23

Sequatchie District.

Jasper Station.....	323	.....	3
Jasper Circuit.....	300	.....	1
Etna Circuit.....	258	.....	1
Pikeville Circuit.....	200	.....	.....
Washington Circuit.....	274	.....	2
Decatur Circuit.....	449	.....	3
Rockwood Circuit.....	288	.....	2
Kingston Circuit.....	166	.....	2
Rugby Mission.....	12	.....	.....
Jamestown Mission.....	150	.....	.....
Grassy Cove Circuit.....	294	.....	7
Spencer Mission.....	200	.....	.....
Tracy City Station.....	133	.....	.....
Summerfield Mission.....	196	.....	2
	3243	.....	23

Asheville District.

Asheville Station.....	285	.....	3
Weaverville Circuit.....	517	.....	4
Swannanoa Circuit.....	443	.....	.....
Edneyville Mission.....	247	.....	.....
Catawba Circuit.....	515	2	1
Hendersonville Station.....	215	.....	3
Brevard Circuit.....	315	.....	.....
Sulphur Spring Circuit.....	432	.....	.....
Leicester Circuit.....	425	.....	2
Marshall Circuit.....	277	.....	.....
Burnsville Circuit.....	465	.....	2
Bakersville Circuit.....	128	.....	1
Cranberry Mission.....	176	.....	.....
	4440	2	16

Franklin District.

Franklin Circuit.....	381	.....	5
Macon Circuit.....	500	.....	1
Waynesville Station.....	182	.....	.....
Waynesville Circuit.....	271	.....	2
Haywood Circuit.....	529	.....	4
Webster Circuit.....	429	2	1
Hayesville Circuit.....	450	2	2
Murphy Circuit.....	290	.....	1
Ducktown Station.....	133	.....	1
Highlands Mission.....	192	.....	2
Charleston Mission.....	211	.....	2
Echota Mission *.....	.....	.....	2
	3568	4	23

Recapitulation.

Wytheville District.....	6752	12	51
Jeffersonville ".....	5208	5	40
Abingdon ".....	6019	16	37
Jonesboro ".....	5195	2	31
Knoxville ".....	5293	4	36
Chattanooga ".....	3920	3	23
Sequatchie ".....	3243	.....	23
Asheville ".....	4440	2	16
Franklin *.....	3568	4	23
Total this year.....	43,638	48	250

* Indians 155.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1185.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1220.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 577.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 3850.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 31,125.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,625.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$1,692 75. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Missions, \$2,792 63; Domestic Missions, \$2,695 66. Total, \$5,488 29.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Asheville, N. C.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.

B. W. S. Bishop, P. E.

Wytheville Station, J. C. Lowe.
Wytheville Cir., B. F. Nuckolls, J. S. Bourne.
Marion Station, J. L. M. French.
Marion Circuit, M. S. Watts.
Newbern Circuit, W. H. Price.
Central Circuit, B. W. Fielder.
Jacksonville Circuit, G. W. Summers.
Hillsville Circuit, R. A. Kelly.
Fancy Gap Mission, to be supplied.
Elk Creek Circuit, C. K. Miller.
Independence Circuit, J. H. Weaver, T. T. Salyer, Sup.
Jefferson Circuit, John S. W. Neal.
Lead Mines Circuit, J. H. Kennedy.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Miles, P. E.

Jeffersonville Station, L. K. Haynes.
Liberty Hill Circuit, W. D. Mitchell.
Buchanan Mission, J. C. Bays.
Saltville Circuit, M. L. Clendenen.
Sharon Spring Circuit, W. H. Kelly.
Seddon Circuit, C. E. Wiggins, G. W. K. Green, Sup.
Staffordsville Circuit, G. Stewart.
Pearisburg Circuit, W. L. Richardson.
Princeton Circuit, D. H. Carr.
New River Circuit, to be supplied (by J. W. Bennett).
Blue Stone Circuit, A. T. Brooks.
East Tazewell Circuit, P. S. Sutton.
McDowell Mission, to be supplied (by I. N. Boyd).

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

E. W. Moore, P. E.

Abingdon Station, D. Atkins.
Abingdon Circuit, W. M. Kerr, R. G. Waterhouse.

Emory Circuit, A. J. Frazier, J. A. Davis, Sup.
Bristol Station, R. H. Parker.
Bristol Circuit, J. N. S. Huffaker.
City Mission, T. F. Smyth.
Mandota Circuit, D. H. Coman.
Lebanon, G. A. Maiden.
Elk Garden, W. W. Hicks.
Dickensonville, G. A. Frazier.
McClure Mission, to be supplied (by H. W. Wampler).
Gladeville Circuit, E. Blake.
Estellville, James Mahoney.
Emory and Henry College, D. Sullins, President; E. E. Hoss, Vice-president and Professor; R. N. Price, Professor.
Martha Washington College, E. E. Wiley, President.
Sullins College, D. S. Hearon, President.
Sunday-school Editor, W. G. E. Cunneyngham.
Holston Methodist, Frank Richardson, Editor.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

L. L. H. Carlock, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, D. W. Carter.
Jonesboro Circuit, J. M. Wolf.
Johnson City Station, J. I. Cash.
Union Circuit, J. R. Cunningham.
Blountville, T. F. Glenn.
Kingsport, R. E. Smith, J. K. Wolf.
Rogersville Circuit, D. R. Smith.
Greeneville, A. G. Blankenbeckler.
Rheatown, J. W. Robertson.
Fall Branch, Joseph A. Cook.
Taylorsville, L. M. Cartwright.
Watauga Circuit, J. E. Naff.
Erwin Mission, to be supplied.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

C. T. Carroll, P. E.

Morristown Station, G. W. Simpson.
Morristown Circuit, Jacob R. Payne.
Mossy Creek Station, J. N. Lotspeich.
Rutledge Circuit, W. P. Doane.
Tazewell Circuit, J. J. Brooks.
Powell's Valley Circuit, J. W. Bowman.
Sneedville Circuit, W. H. Horton.
Jonesville Circuit, W. R. Barnett.
Sticklelyville Circuit, C. S. Bird.
Rye Cove Circuit, W. M. Belamy.
Newport Circuit, J. R. Walker.
St. Clair Circuit, F. D. Crumley, G. Taylor, Sup.
Strawberry Plains, S. T. M. McPherson.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Kennedy, P. E.

Church Street, G. C. Rankin.
Broad Street, J. T. Frazier.
City Mission, W. B. Pickens.
Knoxville Circuit, A. E. Householder.
Sevierville, Ayers Kincaid.
Jacksboro, R. A. Hutsell.
Andersonville, J. T. Stover.
Clinton, J. C. Runyan.
Lenoir, S. R. Wheeler.
Loudon, H. C. Neal.

Morganton, William Boring.
 Maryville, J. D. Hickson.
 Madisonville and Eleazer, M. P. Swaim.
 Sunday-school Secretary, J. A. Lyons.
 Book and Tract Agent, Jacob Smith.
 Hiwassee College, John H. Brunner, President; F. M. Grace and Hale S. Hamilton, Professors.
 Knoxville District High School, H. P. Bailey, Principal.
 Bellevue High School, G. W. Jackson, Principal.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

John Boring, P. E.

Market-street and City Mission, W. W. Bays, J. W. Smith.
 Whiteside-street, J. A. Stubblefield.
 Trenton and Etna, David McCracken.
 Cleveland Station, H. W. Bays.
 Cleveland and Ooltewah Circuit, C. M. James.
 Charleston Circuit, D. H. Dickey.
 Riceville, S. L. Richardson.
 Athens Station, J. E. Moore.
 Athens Circuit, J. L. Prater.
 Sweetwater Station, W. H. Leith.
 Decatur Circuit, J. R. Hixon.
 Ducktown Mission, to be supplied.

SEQUATCHIE DISTRICT.

W. W. Pyott, P. E.

Jasper Station, D. V. Price.
 Jasper Circuit, J. H. Parrott, John Alley, Sup.
 Pikeville Circuit, J. R. Stewart, one to be supplied.
 Washington Circuit, H. P. Waugh.
 Rockwood Circuit, L. C. Delashmit, G. W. Renfro, Sup.
 Kingston Cir., J. R. Stradley, S. Philips, Sup.
 Rugby Mission, A. W. Curtis.
 Jamestown Mission, J. V. Brown.
 Grassy Cove Circuit, W. C. Farris.
 Spencer Mission, to be supplied.
 Tracy City, J. A. Bilderback.

Summerfield Mission, to be supplied.
 Hamilton Circuit, J. P. Reynolds.
 People's College, W. B. Stradley, President; J. R. Stewart, Professor.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

K. C. Atkins, P. E.

Asheville Station, J. H. Keith, J. S. Burnett, Sup.
 Weaverville Circuit, W. B. Lyda.
 Swannanoa, S. S. Weatherly.
 Catawba, B. O. Davis.
 Hendersonville Station, E. B. Robertson.
 Brevard Circuit, S. H. Hilliard.
 Sulphur Spring Circuit, W. D. Akers.
 Leicester and Spring Creek, J. T. Smith, one to be supplied.
 Burnsville, J. F. Wampler.
 Bakersville Station, T. R. Handy.
 Cranberry Mission, R. W. Pickens.
 Asheville Female College, James Atkins, jr., President.
 Missionary to Brazil, James L. Kennedy.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

G. D. French, P. E.

Franklin Station, W. C. Carden, C. D. Smith, Sup.
 Waynesville Station, W. A. Thomas.
 Waynesville Circuit, R. A. Owens, J. A. Wiggins, Sup.
 Haywood Circuit, E. H. Bogle.
 Webster Circuit, J. R. Long.
 Macon Circuit, J. W. Bird.
 Hayesville, G. A. Oglesby.
 Murphy, W. G. Sage.
 Highland Mission, J. O. Shelley.
 Charleston Mission, to be supplied.
 Robinsville Mission, to be supplied.
 Franklin District High School, R. T. Barton, Principal.

O. F. Sensabaugh transferred to Denver Conference.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ASHLEY, ILLINOIS, *Sept. 21-25, 1881.*

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; COLIN MURCHISON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. William D. Blaylock, Carter M. Cagle. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? George W. Jones, James C. Stamper, Samuel A. Cecil, John W. Thompson, Elvis F. Senter, Herbert Reed, William H. Nelson, Hiram K. Jones,

Charles A. Henson, James D. Crooks, Leonidas C. Ellis. 11.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Hamilton J. Brown, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? David T. Hinckle, Samuel F. Shelton, Isaac H. Lewis. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? J. W. Toothaker. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? T. M. Ragsdale, from Memphis Conference; E. H. Prosser, from Indiana Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? T. B. Boswell, T. M. Prickett. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Isaac H. Lewis. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Isaac H. Lewis. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Elvis F. Senter, Jacob R. Bell, Carter M. Cagle, Philip L. Davis, Leonidas C. Ellis. 5.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Elvis F. Senter, Jacob R. Bell, Carter M. Cagle, Leonidas C. Ellis. 4.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Henry Weakly. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? William H. Nelson. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? William A. Rawlings, at his own request, J. F. Robb, at his own request. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Samuel Myers, A. F. Rogers, Daniel McKinney, W. C. Blundell, G. W. Gilmore, A. L. Davis. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? R. P. Holt. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Joseph K. Tucker. 1.

JOSEPH KIRTON TUCKER was born in Cabarrus County, N. C., October 6, 1837, and died in Nashville, Ill., July 26, 1881. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when he was quite young. He was licensed to preach about 1863; about 1865 he joined the South Carolina Conference, and traveled a short time. He was discontinued at his own request. He taught school for a few years, mostly in Lexington County, S. C. He then became a pupil in Trinity College, North Carolina, Dr. Craven, President. He graduated with much credit in 1872. Shortly after his graduation he was happily married to Mrs. Lou Lowrie, of Ansonville, N. C. He spent a few years in charge of a school at that place. He gave great satisfaction as an educator, and greatly improved the school. In 1874 he and his family—wife and step-son—came to Illinois, and settled in Jonesboro, thirty miles north of Cairo. Here he taught and preached as a local preacher. He and his excellent wife labored here for several years to gather the scattered members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, living in and around Jonesboro. A small Society was organized which, though not able to support a pastor, claim their connection with the Church, and invite the presiding elder of the district

to preach when he can, and give them the sacrament. In September, 1879, at the session of the Illinois Conference in Kinmundy, Brother Tucker was admitted on trial in the regular itinerant ranks. This became to him a new departure in the ministerial life—he arose to the highest plane of ministerial consecration. He refused a salary of one thousand dollars offered him to teach, not knowing what he was to get in its place. Bishop Wightman appointed him to Nashville Station. He entered upon his work early, was fully devoted to it, and happy in it. All the interests of the Church were advanced during the first year, and he was returned the second year. He continued to gain on the affections and confidence of the entire community. Sunday, July 24, he went to class-meeting at 9 A.M., preached at 11 A.M., was with his class in Sunday-school at 3 P.M., and preached again at night. Monday morning, the 25th, he was on the streets several times, but complained of being unwell. He soon had symptoms of a severe attack of cholera morbus, accompanied with chill and cramp. Congestion of the bowels and stomach set in. His whole system gave way, and the strong man withered as the grass. At 3 A.M., July 26, Brother Tucker entered into rest. Intellectually and as a scholar Brother Tucker was above the average. He read extensively and studied closely. As an educator, he had but few equals. His social qualities were of a high order. His conversation was both instructive and entertaining, “always with grace seasoned with salt.” His spirit and temper were so kind, his example so consistent, that no one could associate with him much without being impressed for good. As a preacher, he was instructive and convincing. His arguments were conclusive, his illustrations simple and clear, and his general manner was earnest, but not boisterous. He was a fine Bible-student, well posted in all the doctrines of the Church. As a pastor, he never knew his superior—indefatigable, kind, and patient. By nature he was timid—very much inclined to prefer others to himself. He was rather disposed to keep himself in the background. He was most popular with those who knew him best. His congregations were much larger recently—the closing up of his second year—than at the beginning of his ministry among them. The people were more anxious for his return the third year than they were the second. He died just when, it seemed to us, he was entering upon a wide field of protracted usefulness. But our loss is his eternal gain. May a kind Providence graciously support the bereaved widow, and guide the son—a noble and promising young man, now a student of Vanderbilt University—into the paths of virtue, truth, and religion! May the prayers of the departed yet be answered on the living!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Lewistown District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lewistown Circuit.....	130	.....
Canton Station.....	50	.....
Rushville and La Prairie.....	82	.....
Midway and Marietta.....	42	1
Tioga Circuit.....	140	1
Mount Sterling Circuit.....	103	2
El Dara and Detroit.....	104	.....
Mount Carmel.....	62	.....
Jacksonville Station.....	55	1
Waverly Circuit.....	265	1
Girard Circuit.....	106	2
	1139	8

Pana District.

Pana Station.....	56
Cowden Circuit.....	113	3
Shelbyville Circuit.....	115	3
Mansfield Station.....	22	1
Mount Zion and Heyworth.....	125	1
Sherman and Lake Fork.....	27	.....
Litchfield and Taylorville.....	160	.....
New Douglas Circuit.....	100	2
Shoal Creek Circuit.....	50	1
Keysport Circuit.....	45	.....
	813	11

Salem District.

Kinmundy Circuit.....	132	.....
Salem Circuit.....	120	2
Rome Circuit.....	277	4
Johnsonville Circuit.....	167	2
Clay City Circuit.....	226	2
Patoka Circuit.....	282	3
Altamont Circuit.....	210	1
Effingham Circuit.....	94	3
Martinsville Circuit.....	106	.....
Xenia Circuit.....	121	1
	1735	18

Ashley District.

Ashley Circuit.....	131
Nashville Station.....	98	.....
Columbia and Baldwin.....	83	1
Blair Circuit.....	59	1
De Soto and Duquoin.....	145	1
Carbondale and Murphysboro.....	178	1
Marion Circuit.....	125	3
Jonesboro Mission.....	20	.....
Pulaski and Alexander.....	150	5
Ridgeway Mission.....	30	.....
Hoodville Circuit.....	148	1
	1167	13

Recapitulation.

Lewistown District.....	1139	8
Pana ".....	813	11
Salem ".....	1735	18
Ashley ".....	1167	13
Total this year.....	4854	50

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 49.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 192.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 62.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 557.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 4159.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$143 04. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$92 82; Domestic Missions, \$86 55. Total, \$179 37.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Canton, Ill.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LEWISTOWN DISTRICT.

C. C. Mayhew, P. E.

Canton and Lewistown, one to be supplied, S. A. Cecil.

Rushville and La Prairie, J. Metcalf, one to be supplied.

Midway and Marietta, to be supplied (by F. C. Mayberry).

Tioga, E. F. Senter, S. Myers, Sup.

Mount Sterling Circuit, E. H. Prosser.

El Dara and Detroit, C. T. McAnally.

Waverly and Jacksonville, L. P. Deatherage.

Girard Circuit, T. R. Ward.

PANA DISTRICT.

B. R. Hester, P. E.

Pana and Litchfield, T. E. Wamsley.

Cowden Circuit, J. C. Stamper, D. McKinney, Sup.

Shelbyville Circuit, D. T. Hinckle.

Mansfield Station, C. B. Sullivan.

Mount Zion and Heyworth, T. Rogers, A. F. Rogers, Sup.

Sherman and Lake Fork, J. W. Thompson.

Taylorville Circuit, S. F. Shelton.

New Douglas Circuit, J. D. Crooks.

Keysport Circuit, W. D. Blaylock.

SALEM DISTRICT.

G. T. Nichols, P. E.

Salem Circuit, J. W. Toothaker.

Kinmundy Circuit, T. M. Prickett, G. W. Gillmore, Sup.

Rome Circuit, T. M. Ragsdale.

Xenia Circuit, to be supplied.

Johnsonville Circuit, N. A. Auld.

Clay City Circuit, J. Y. Busby.

Patoka Circuit, J. A. Greening.

Altamont Circuit, H. Reed.

Effingham Circuit, H. K. Jones.

Martinsville Circuit, G. W. Jones, W. C. Blundell, Sup.

Wayne City Mission, to be supplied (by J. D. R. Brown).

Sunday-school Agent, J. W. Westcott.

ASHLEY DISTRICT.

Colin Murchison, P. E.

Ashley Circuit, A. D. Hocker.

Nashville Station, W. A. Cross.

Columbia and East St. Louis, to be supplied.

Blair and Baldwin, L. C. Ellis.
 De Soto and Duquoin Circuit, W. H. Nelson,
 A. L. Davis, Sup.
 Carbondale and Marion, T. E. Hall.
 Murphysboro Circuit, J. J. Prather.
 Cairo and Jonesboro Mission, to be supplied.
 Alexander Mission, Carter M. Cagle.
 Pulaski Circuit, C. A. Henson.

Golconda Mission, to be supplied (by J. R. Bell).
 Ridgeway Mission, T. B. Boswell.
 Hoodville Circuit, Isaac H. Lewis.

W. W. Prine transferred to Indiana Conference.

V. J. Sevier transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GOSPORT, IND., *September 14-18, 1881.*

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; JAMES M. MOORE, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. William T. Dunnavent. 1.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Edward B. Walton, James A. Savage. 2.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? David J. Hagerman, Newton Ferguson. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. W. Browning, James M. Moore, Samuel H. Gregory, William T. Miller. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? William W. Prine, from Illinois Conference; James A. Savage, from Louisville Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? James W. Hunter, W. W. Prine, Jacob L. Reed. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Samuel H. Gregory, William T. Miller. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Samuel H. Gregory, Wm. T. Miller. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? William T. Dunnavent. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? John Branstetter, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Wm. Hamlin. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in

their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of J. D. Reese; he having withdrawn from the Church, his name was ordered to be stricken from the roll.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Westport District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Westport Station.....	31	1
Dupont Mission.....	55	.....
Waldron Circuit.....	36	.....
Geneva Circuit.....	100	1
Franklin Circuit.....	24	.....
Columbus Circuit.....	140	2
New Albany Mission.....	32	1
Seymour Circuit.....	.....	.....
North Vernon.....	.....	.....
	412	5

Indianapolis District.

White River Circuit.....	34	.....
Ellettsville Circuit.....	70	.....
Bloomfield and Sandborn Circuit.....	.....	.....
Bean Blossom Circuit.....	1	.....
Morgantown Circuit.....	.....	.....
New Belleville.....	.....	.....
Nashville Station.....	70	2
Nashville Circuit.....	275	.....
Gosport Station.....	103	.....
Houston Circuit.....	197	2
	750	4

Recapitulation.

Westport District.....	412	5
Indianapolis ".....	750	4
Total this year.....	1162	9

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 14.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 106.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 12.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 94.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 657.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$150.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$23 65. Applied as follows: Mrs. S. Feltner and children, \$18 65; W. Hamlin, \$5.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$11 69; Domestic Missions, \$17 23. Total, \$29 02.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Nashville, Brown County, Ind.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WESTPORT DISTRICT.

Jesse P. Glass, P. E.

Westport Station, James M. Moore.

Waldron Circuit, to be supplied.

Geneva and Franklin Circuit, S. H. Gregory, Jacob L. Reed.

Columbus Circuit, William T. Dunnavent.

New Albany Mission, to be supplied.

Dupont Mission, to be supplied.

Flat Rock Circuit, Edward B. Walton.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Jacob Ditzler, P. E.

White River Circuit, William T. Miller, William H. Jackson.

Bloomfield and Sandborn, to be supplied.

Nashville Circuit, James W. Hunter, Wm. W. Browning.

Houston Circuit, James A. Savage.

Leesville Circuit, William W. Prine.

Gosport Station, to be supplied.

E. H. Prosser transferred to Illinois Conference.

C. H. Dowell transferred to Western Virginia Conference.

E. H. Morrison and Leroy Hirshburg transferred to Louisville Conference.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CADDO, INDIAN TERRITORY, *October 5-9, 1881.*

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; E. R. SHAFARD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. L. Keener, J. S. Chapman, Lacey Hawkins, Wesley J. Spaugh, J. C. Powell, Thomas Little, Jones Howard, Lewis D. Holsonbake. 8.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Leonard Parker, Thomas Barnett, Rowland Brown, Moses Siya, J. M. C. Hamilton, Gibson Grayson. 6.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Tecumseh Tyner, Samuel Carey. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. B. Austin, W. L. Mills, M. L. Butler. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. B. Winton. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? None.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? J. C. Powell, Leonard Parker, J. S. Chapman, W. L. Mills, M. L. Butler. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? J. C. Powell, L. Parker, J. S. Chapman, W. L. Mills, M. L. Butler. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Elbridge W. Brodie, Thomas Little, Jakeway Billy. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Thomas Little. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John Sevier. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? John Sevier. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Gibson Battiste. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? H. M. Granade. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? James Y. Brice, Samuel Chicote. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Isaac Sanders. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Cherokee District.

	White Mem's.	Indian Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Tahlequah and Fort Gibson..	17	201	.....	4
Muscogee and Vinita.....	41	69	.....	.....
Salisaw Circuit.....	25	300	.....	1
Spring Creek Circuit.....	.....	52	4	2
Grand River Circuit.....	50	220	.....	2
Russell Creek Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Claremore Circuit.....	25	130	1	6
Flint Circuit.....	22	113	1	2
Canadian Circuit.....	72	205	8	.....
	252	1290	14	17

Chickasaw District.

Chickasaw Circuit.....	7	680	14	6
Railroad Circuit.....	100	25	.....	3
Wachita Circuit.....	81	12	1	5
Paul's Valley Circuit.....	123	76	.....	3
Red River Mission.....	128	25	.....	3
Boggy Circuit.....	.....	375	11	7
Boggy Colored Charge.....	.....	.....	25	1
Kiamichi Circuit.....	19	437	.....	7
Doaksville Circuit.....	10	1097	15	8
Doaksville Colored Charge...	.....	.....	44	1
Blue Colored Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	468	2727	110	44

Creek District.

Okmulgee Circuit.....	.....	183	7	5
Muscogee Circuit.....	3	136	10	7
Coweta Circuit.....	.....	186	.....	5
Eufaula Circuit.....	.....	135	.....	9
Conchartee Circuit.....	1	163	.....	2
Seminole Circuit.....	.....	183	.....	5
South Canadian Circuit.....	.....	22	.....	.....
Weewoka & Seminole Acad.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Circuit.....	9	.....	.....	.....
Eufaula.....	2	76	.....	4
Ark. River Colored Charge...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	15	1078	17	37

Choctaw District.

Skullyville Circuit.....	36	38	.....	1
Pateau Circuit.....	190	6	.....	3
Mashulatubbee Circuit.....	1	125	.....	4
San Bois Circuit.....	7	32	.....	3
	234	201	.....	11

Recapitulation.

Cherokee District.....	252	1290	14	17
Chickasaw ".....	468	2727	110	44
Creek ".....	15	1078	17	37
Choctaw ".....	234	201	.....	11
Total this year.....	969	5296	141	109

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 465.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 371.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 68.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 300.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 2338.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? No claimants.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account? No collection.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Missions, \$527.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Hichete, Creek District; Post-office, Eufaula, Creek Nation.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

CHEROKEE DISTRICT.

Young Ewing, P. E.

Tahlequah and Fort Gibson, J. S. Chapman.

Vinita, J. S. Williams.

Salisaw Circuit, J. W. Bryant.

Spring Creek, to be supplied (by J. Smallwood).

Fourteen-mile Creek Circuit, Lacey Hawkins.

Grand River Circuit, W. L. Mills.

Russell Creek, to be supplied.

Claremore, L. Parker.

Flint, M. L. Butler.

Canadian, J. L. Keener.

District Interpreter, John Sevier.

Cherokee Orphan Asylum, W. A. Duncan.

CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

C. W. Wyatt, P. E.

Chickasaw Circuit, G. Grayson.

Wachita, to be supplied (by J. H. Moreland).

Tishomingo Circuit, J. Ish Tah.

Red River, L. D. Holsonbake.

Walnut Bayou, to be supplied (by R. M. Hancock).

Paul's Valley, J. C. Powell.

Mill Creek, to be supplied (by M. D. Hortonberry).

Boggy Depot Colored Charge, S. Abraham.

Blue Colored Charge, to be supplied.

KIAMICHI DISTRICT.

Jesse H. Walker, P. E.

Kiamichi Circuit, to be supplied (by G. L. Edmonds).

Doaksville Circuit, W. M. Keith.

Jack's Fork Circuit, to be supplied (by James Jerry).

Blue Circuit, T. H. Jones.

Railroad Circuit, to be supplied, J. Y. Brice, Sup.

Doaksville Colored Charge, to be supplied (by E. Colbert).

Railroad, J. A. Ball.

MUSCOGEE DISTRICT.

J. F. Thompson, P. E.

Okmulgee Station, J. W. Coward.

Okmulgee Circuit, W. J. Spaugh, S. Chicote, Sup.

Muscogee Station, T. F. Brewer.

Coweta Circuit, T. Barnett, Jones Howard.

Conchartee Circuit, James McHenry.

Eufaula, J. B. Winton.

Asbury Manual Labor School, J. F. Thompson, Superintendent.
Harrell International Institute, T. F. Brewer, Superintendent.

WEEWOKA DISTRICT.

W. S. Derrick, P. E.

Muscogee Circuit, M. Mitchell.
Eufaula Circuit, M. Siya.
Seminole Circuit, Thomas Little.
South Canadian Circuit, R. Brown.
Weewoka Circuit, to be supplied.
Seminole Academy, W. S. Derriek, Sup't.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT.

E. R. Shapard, P. E.

Skullyville Circuit, W. B. Austin.
Pateau, to be supplied (by A. S. Smith).
Mashulatubbee Circuit, Jakeway Billy, W. F. Fulsom.
San Bois, to be supplied (by C. H. Thompson and Israel Daniel).
New Hope Academy, E. R. Shapard, Superintendent.

J. M. C. Hamilton transferred to Arkansas Conference.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

HELD AT DANVILLE, KY., *September 7-12, 1881.*

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; T. F. VANMETER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Harry G. Henderson, William T. Chandler, Stephen M. Carrier, Henry Clay Morrison, William E. Gipson, E. B. Head. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? W. S. Grinstead, W. B. Ragan, D. P. Ware, J. R. Kendall. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? C. F. Oney, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? C. M. Cooper, Robert Nelson. 2.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? B. T. Kavanaugh, from Texas Conference; H. A. M. Henderson, from Pacific Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? H. C. Wright, B. F. Gosling, J. A. Sawyer, J. G. Ragan, J. C. Vaught. 5.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? C. M. Cooper. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? C. M. Cooper. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. W. Harris, J. W. Hughes, D. T. Hudson, J. S. Walker, William Shoemsmith, S. W. Peeples, S. S. Pentz, S. A. Day, V. Daughetee, E. H. Pearce, J. J. Dickey. 11.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. W. Harris, J. W. Hughes, D. T. Hudson, J. S. Walker, William Shoemsmith, S. W. Peeples, S. S. Pentz, S. A. Day, V. Daughetee, E. H. Pearce, J. J. Dickey. 11.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? H. A. Smith, F. A. Savage, J. W. Simmons, T. E. Burr, W. Shoemsmith, C. M. Cooper—all at their own request. 6.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? H. M. Linney, R. Deering, D. Welburn, W. J. Snively, P. E. Kavanaugh, E. P. Buckner, Orson Long, G. B. Poage, G. N. Buffington, J. J. Dickey, J. C. Minor, Morton Seott, T. N. Ralston. 13.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. C. Crow, T. P. C. Shelman, Elkanah Johnson, J. C. Hardy, W. McD. Abbott, D. D. Duty, B. F. Bristow, T. F. Vanmeter. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Burr H. McCown, Richard B. Owens. 2.

BURR HARRISON MCCOWN was born in Bardstown, Ky., Oct. 29, 1806, and died at his residence, Pine Hill Academy, Aug. 29, 1881. His useful and honored life reached nearly to seventy-five years. Dr. McCown was educated at St. Joseph's College, where he acquired the foundation of his varied and thorough knowledge of ancient languages and literature. He was converted at a very early age, and in his youth was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bardstown, Ky., by the Rev. H. H. Kavanaugh. Before he had arrived at manhood he became fully convinced that it was his duty to devote his life to the ministry, and he joined the travel-

ing connection of the Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1830-31 he was stationed in Louisville. He was a preacher popular in his manners, pleasing in his address, and an earnest, clear, and successful expositor of Bible truth. In 1834 he was elected Professor of Ancient Languages in Augusta College, the first literary institution of high grade established under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1844 he was removed to the same Chair in Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. After his separation from this institution he engaged in private instructions at Goshen Academy, Forest Academy, and at Pine Hill, where he died. Dr. McCown was a deeply-read man in general science and letters, and was for half a century a laborious, faithful, and successful educator of young men. He possessed varied and extensive learning, and was a careful, critical student, and an instructive writer all his ministerial life. He excelled in the ancient languages, which he made a life-long study. He was of commanding personal appearance, and in youth and middle life had much manly beauty. His mind was well cultivated and richly stored, and his heart was the home of those pure and gentle virtues which distinguish and ennoble our holy Christianity. He was marked by his candor and simplicity. His friendships were deep and abiding. He was liberal and generous in action as well as in sentiment. His views of truth were decided, and his convictions of duty were most conscientiously guarded. The Bible was with him "the book" of his study, his meditation, his source of religious thought and consolation. He was kind to the poor, and deeply interested especially in the proper culture and direction of the mind and heart of youth. Dr. McCown was a man of decided piety. His religious experience was mingled sunshine and shadow, yet his trust was fixed in the providence and grace of God. In all the relations of life he was the true friend, the courteous, kind, and candid Christian gentleman. He had many decided friends, and impressed all with whom he associated with the guileless simplicity and genuine goodness of his heart. He was a devoted Christian man, an industrious, useful minister of the gospel. His late years were clouded at times with deep trial and trouble, but sublime faith in God lit up all of earth's dark passages. Recently, at the meeting at Kavanaugh Camp-ground, he was regularly present, and gave most touching and beautiful exhibitions of his refined religious experience. His end was peace. He has gone to his reward. He has entered upon that immortality to him the topic of deepest thought and longing hope. He rests from his labors.

RICHARD B. OWENS was born in Boyle County, Ky., Nov. 27, 1853, and died of consumption Jan. 6, 1881. When about fifteen years old the grace of God was manifested in his conversion under the Cumberland Presby-

terian ministry. Afterward he joined the M. E. Church, South. Soon after his conversion he felt called of God to preach the gospel, and was licensed at Roberts's Chapel, in Casey County, and at the same time recommended to the Kentucky Annual Conference for the itinerant work. It was through difficulties he entered the ministry, but he lived to demonstrate that his call was divine and his work was of God. He united with Conference at Maysville in 1875. He successively filled the Bohontown, Parksville, and Hustonville Missions. In 1879 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine at Winchester, Ky. In 1878 he was appointed to Canton. In 1879 he was ordained elder by Bishop Doggett at Richmond, and returned to Canton. After preaching on the second Sunday in September, preparatory to his departure for Conference, in the afternoon he had a severe hemorrhage from the lungs. While his friends had serious apprehensions, yet his illness, it was hoped, might be only temporary, and he was appointed to Canton at the September Conference. But his work was done. He preached no more, and this good man went home to die. He loved his work, and greatly desired to live to win souls to Christ. But God ordered otherwise, and he was resigned. When asked if the gospel which he had preached to others supported him in the trying ordeal, his emphatic answer gave assurance of a victorious faith.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Lexington District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lexington.....	350	.....	3
Spearsville.....	109	.....	.....
Paris.....	190	.....	1
Frankfort.....	203	.....	.....
Versailles.....	145	.....	.....
Nicholasville.....	183	1	1
Winchester.....	155	.....	.....
Mount Sterling.....	494	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	149	.....	.....
Mount Zion.....	110	.....	.....
North Middletown.....	197	.....	.....
Cornersville.....	535	.....	1
New Columbus.....	304	.....	2
	3124	1	8

Harrodsburg District.

Harrodsburg.....	130	.....	1
Danville.....	201	.....	.....
Perryville.....	180	.....	1
Stewartsville.....	250	.....	1
Chaplin.....	391	.....	.....
Lawrenceburg.....	260	.....	.....
Tyrone.....	295	.....	2
Salvisa.....	232	.....	1
Jessamine.....	173	1	2
Lancaster.....	337	1	1
Stanford.....	135	.....	1
Richmond.....	147	.....	.....
College Hill.....	315	.....	.....

Harrodsburg District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Somerset.....	236	.....	.....
Canetown.....	175	2	1
Enbanks.....	157	.....	3
Liberty.....	108	.....	2
Oakland.....	70	2	1
	3793	6	17

Shelbyville District.

Shelbyville.....	165	.....	.....
Shelby Circuit.....	409	.....	1
Simpsonville.....	226	.....	1
Taylorsville.....	281	1	2
Bloomfield.....	175	.....	.....
Carrollton.....	176	.....	.....
Eminence.....	35	.....	.....
Newcastle.....	199	.....	.....
Floydsburg.....	159	1	.....
La Grange.....	365	1	.....
Campbellsburg.....	306	.....	1
Milton.....	196	2	1
Bedford.....	358	1	.....
Gratz.....	341	7	.....
Lockport.....	560	.....	3
Jacksonville.....	275	1	1
Westport.....	69	.....	.....
	4280	14	10

Covington District.

Covington: Scott Street.....	323	.....	.....
Eleventh Street.....	79	.....	.....
Newport.....	208	.....	1
Brooksville.....	225	.....	1
Angusta.....	303	.....	1
Alexandria.....	585	.....	2
Falmouth.....	359	.....	1
Cynthiana.....	206	.....	1
Oddville.....	687	.....	3
Canton.....	165	1	.....
Williamstown.....	73	.....	.....
Stewartsville.....	176	1	.....
Florence.....	278	3	.....
Warsaw.....	325	.....	.....
Highland.....	80	.....	.....
Elliston.....	90	.....	.....
	4162	5	10

Maysville District.

Maysville.....	409	.....	.....
Millersburg.....	209	.....	2
Flemingsburg.....	293	5	2
Tilton.....	283	4	2
Hillsboro.....	397	1	2
Orangeburg.....	225	.....	.....
Sharpsburg.....	259	.....	1
Owingsville.....	225	.....	1
Carlisle.....	162	.....	2
Mount Olivet.....	959	1	3
Ruddle's Mills.....	16	.....	.....
Shannon.....	226	.....	.....
Germantown.....	295	.....	1
Vanceburg.....	470	.....	1
Concord.....	315	.....	.....
Harrison.....	110	.....	.....
Washington.....	65	.....	2
	4928	11	19

West Liberty District.

London.....	216	.....	.....
Whitesburg.....	69	3	2
West Liberty.....	294	1	5
Frenchburg.....	235	.....	5
Morehead Mission.....	216	.....	2
Barboursville.....	84	.....	.....
Campton.....	230	.....	8
Irvine.....	360	1	.....
Red River Forge.....	276	.....	1
Crab Orchard.....	123	.....	.....
Isabella Mission.....	106	.....	.....
	2209	5	23

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lexington District.....	3124	1	8
Harrodsburg ".....	3793	6	17
Shelbyville ".....	4280	14	10
Covington ".....	4162	5	10
Maysville ".....	4928	11	19
West Liberty ".....	2209	5	23
Total this year.....	22,496	42	87

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 318.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1144.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 179.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1397.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 10,307.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$1,401 17. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Missions, \$2,169 83; Domestic Missions, \$1,269 70. Total, \$3,439 53.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Carlisle, Ky.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

H. P. Walker, P. E.

Lexington, C. W. Miller.

Paris, J. O. A. Vaught.

Frankfort, E. L. Southgate.

Versailles and Mortonsville, E. H. Pearce.

Winchester, S. S. Pentz.

Hutchison, B. F. Sedwick.

Mount Sterling, T. J. Godbey.

North Middletown, J. W. Harris.

Cornersville, R. Lancaster.

New Columbus, D. T. Hudson.

Georgetown, W. T. Rowland, J. J. Dickey, Sup.

Nicholasville, W. H. Anderson.

Spearsville, J. A. Caywood.

Mount Zion and El Bethel, J. D. Turner.

Central Methodist, S. Noland, Editor

HARRODSBURG DISTRICT.

R. Hiner, P. E.

Harrodsburg, J. H. Young.

Danville, W. F. Taylor, H. M. Linney, Sup.

Perryville, M. W. Hiner.

Mackville, J. G. Ragan.

Chaplin, J. W. Hughes.

Lawrenceburg, Ed. B. Head.

Camdensville, to be supplied (by W. B. Vaught).

Salvisa, W. D. Power.

Jessamine, F. W. Noland.

Lancaster, J. R. Peebles, M. Scott, Sup.

Stanford, J. S. Sims.
 Richmond and Providence, M. Evans.
 College Hill, J. J. Johnston.
 Somerset, J. H. Williams.
 Canetown Mission, to be supplied (by J. L. Godbey).
 Eubanks Mission, to be supplied (by E. E. Bonta).
 Liberty Mission, to be supplied (by David M. Johnston).
 Alton Circuit, S. W. Peeples.

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

C. Taylor, P. E.

Shelbyville, J. R. Deering, R. Deering, Sup.
 Shelby Circuit, S. X. Hall, J. C. Minor, Sup.
 Simpsonville, J. Mitchell, D. Welburn, Sup.
 Taylorsville, W. F. Vaughan.
 Bloomfield, T. J. McIntyre.
 Carrollton, J. Rives, W. J. Snively, Sup.
 Eminence, W. B. Poynter.
 Newcastle, S. W. Speer.
 La Grange, D. W. Robertson.
 Floydsburg, W. H. Winter.
 Campbellsburg, C. M. Humphrey.
 Milton, T. W. Barker.
 Bedford, W. H. Quisenbury.
 Gratz, H. H. Kavanaugh.
 Lockport, D. H. Marimon.
 Jacksonville Circuit, to be supplied, P. E. Kavanaugh, Sup.
 Science Hill Academy, W. T. Poynter.
 Sunday-school Agent, H. R. Coleman.

COVINGTON DISTRICT.

J. Rand, P. E.

Covington: Scott Street, G. C. Kelley, E. P. Buckner, Sup.
 Eleventh Street, H. G. Henderson.
 Newport, G. W. Young, T. N. Ralston, Sup.
 Brooksville and Augusta, B. T. Gosling, G. B. Poage, Sup.
 Foster Circuit, S. A. Day.
 Alexandria, George Froh.
 Falmouth, T. F. Taliaferro.
 Cynthia, J. A. Henderson.
 Oddville, J. A. Sawyer.
 Canton, J. C. Vaught.
 Williamstown, S. S. Deering.
 Stewartsville, H. C. Wright.
 Florence, R. H. Wightman, G. N. Buffington, Sup.
 Warsaw, L. D. Shaw.
 Highland, to be supplied, Orson Long, Sup.
 Williamstown High School, G. C. Overstreet.
 American Bible Society, G. S. Savage, Sup't.

MAYSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. W. Fitch, P. E.

Maysville, M. D. Reynolds.
 Millersburg, D. B. Cooper.
 Flemingsburg, D. A. Beardsley.
 Tilton, W. W. Chamberlin.
 Hillsboro, D. G. B. Demaree.
 Orangeburg, W. T. Benton.
 Sharpsburg and Bethel, W. H. H. Ditzler, J. R. Kendall.
 Owingsville, B. T. Kavanaugh.
 Carlisle, C. J. Nugent.
 Mount Olivet, P. H. Hoffner.
 Nicholas Circuit, W. B. Godbey.
 Shannon and Sardis, J. N. Current.
 Germantown, W. W. Spates.
 Vanceburg, J. E. Wright.
 Concord, H. C. Morrison.
 Washington, to be supplied (by F. S. Pollitt).
 Sylvan Dell, to be supplied (by W. W. Green).
 Kentucky Wesleyan College, A. Redd, Professor.
 Vanderbilt University, T. J. Dodd, Professor of Hebrew, etc.
 Millersburg Female College, G. T. Gould, President; J. C. C. Newton, Professor.
 Missionary to China, C. F. Reid.

WEST LIBERTY DISTRICT.

T. B. Cook, P. E.

London, R. J. Nelson.
 Williamsburg Mission, S. M. Carrier.
 Whitesburg and Hazard Mission, M. T. Chandler.
 Jackson Mission, to be supplied.
 West Liberty, W. E. Gibson.
 Morehead Mission, W. B. Ragan.
 Frenchburg Mission, to be supplied (by G. G. Ragan).
 Barboursville Mission, to be supplied.
 Campton, V. B. Daughetee.
 Irvine, W. S. Grinstead.
 Stanton, D. P. Ware.
 Crab Orchard Mission, to be supplied (by S. J. Greer).
 Isabella Mission, to be supplied (by J. S. Kelley).

J. W. Lowrance transferred to North Mississippi Conference.

H. A. M. Henderson transferred to Missouri Conference.

Jonathan S. Walker transferred to Western Virginia Conference, and appointed to Clarksburg.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

HELD AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, December 14-19, 1881.

BISHOP MCTYEIRE, *President*; S. G. COLBURN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. D'Arcy Vaughan, H. Clay Thompson, Joseph Nicholson, John W. Whaley, W. B. Whitesides, William A. Steele, William T. Venables, Charles M. Keith, John R. Sanders. 9.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? E. M. Pipkin, Jefferson T. Thornton, Thomas J. Gallo-way, T. J. Christian, J. S. Carl. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? R. H. Poynter and E. B. Kelley, at their own request, Henry P. Blakely. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? G. W. Burnett, E. N. Evans, Archelaus Turrentine, J. A. Stanley, J. C. Greenwood, O. C. Robertson. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? John J. Crouch, John P. Dickey, H. Warren Brooks, DeJalma Leake. 4.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? T. J. Christian, from North Georgia Conference; Joseph S. Carl, from Memphis Conference; Luke G. Johnson, from North Georgia Conference; H. R. Withers, from Arkansas Conference. 4.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? James R. Moore, Euphrates Garrett, William P. Laney. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Elisha N. Evans, A. Turrentine, J. A. Stanley, O. C. Robertson, Robert H. Poynter. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Elisha N. Evans, A. Turrentine, J. A. Stanley, O. C. Robertson. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Oliver H. Koedle, James Pinkerton, John L. Wyche, Michael Holt, John W. Walker, William T. Woozencraft, Elisha C. Blakely. 7.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Robert H. Poynter, O. H. Koedle, Michael Holt, John W. Walker, William T. Woozencraft. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Bascom Monk, William M. Crowson, Josephus A. Biggs, Richard P. Wilson, George W. Burnett. 5.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Bascom Monk, William M. Crowson, Josephus A. Biggs, Richard P. Wilson, George W. Burnett. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? D. H. Linebaugh. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. Turrentine, H. M. Townsend, B. Watson, W. J. Scott, J. R. Harvey. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Thos. Hunt, A. Avery, J. G. Ward, A. W. Simmons, J. E. Caldwell, R. H. Sanders, J. H. Blakely, R. W. Evans, John Pryor. 9.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Calvin M. Slover. (No memoir.)

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of R. T. Nabors, who was tried and expelled from the ministry and the Church.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Pine Bluff District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Pine Bluff Station.....	150	.....
Toledo Circuit.....	235	6
Sheridan Circuit.....	389	5
New Edinburg Circuit.....	360	2
Flat Bayou Circuit.....	63	.....
Sunshine Circuit.....	108	.....
Red Fork Circuit.....	34	.....
Lehigh Circuit.....	235	2
DeWitt Circuit.....	251	1
Pastoria Circuit.....	113	1
Arkansas River Circuit.....	25	.....
	1963	17

Camden District.

Camden Station.....	220	.....
Camden Circuit.....	213	.....
Quachita Circuit.....	279	3
Falcon Circuit.....	440	1
Lewisville Circuit.....	171	1
Magnolia Circuit.....	309	.....
Atlanta Circuit.....	220	2
El Dorado Circuit.....	317	4
Lapeal Circuit.....	264	2
Hampton Circuit.....	375	1
Mount Vernon and Carolina.....	94	.....
	2902	14

Monticello District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	380	6
Selma Station.....	212	2
Lacy Circuit.....	365	3
Hamburg Station.....	118	2
Hamburg Circuit.....	310	1
Bartholomew Circuit.....	370	3
Warren Circuit.....	222	1
Palestine Circuit.....	233	5
Holly Grove Circuit.....	73	2
Grand Lake Circuit.....	124	1
Arkansas City Mission.....	45	.....
Moro Circuit.....	122	1
Monticello Station.....	137	1
	2711	23

Washington District.

Hope Station.....	108	.....
Prescott Station.....	175	2
Washington Station.....	36	1
Fulton Station.....	18	.....
Midway Circuit.....	316	7
Mineral Springs Circuit.....	216	3
Centre Point Circuit.....	490	4
Locksburg Circuit.....	500	9
Saline Circuit.....	275	6
Dallas Circuit.....	306	11
Richmond Circuit.....	143	2
Rocky Comfort Circuit.....	128	2
Bright Star Circuit.....	244	1
Texarkana Circuit.....	148	.....
	3103	48

Arkadelphia District.

Arkadelphia Station.....	161	1
Clarke Circuit.....	490	6
South Fork Mission.....	139	3
Murfreesboro Circuit.....	300	3
Malvern Circuit.....	.....	.....
Amity Circuit.....	450	6
Mount Ida Circuit.....	180	4
Hot Springs Mission.....	218	3
Malvern Station.....	130	2
Social Hill Circuit.....	252	3
Tulip Circuit.....	468	.....
Silver City Mission.....	35	2
Hot Springs Station.....	206	2
Princeton Circuit.....	477	8
	3506	43

Little Rock District.

First Church.....	236	2
Spring Street.....	134	1
West End.....	63	.....
Collegeville Circuit.....	240	2
Benton Station.....	233	3
Benton Circuit.....	287	2
Maumelle Circuit.....	275	2
Little Rock Circuit.....	25	1
Austin Circuit.....	425	7
Hickory Plains Circuit.....	436	4
Lonoke Station.....	83	2
Carlisle Circuit.....	185	.....
White River Circuit.....	314	2
Richwoods Circuit.....	165	4
	3101	32

Recapitulation.

Pine Bluff District.....	1963	17
Camden ".....	2902	14
Monticello ".....	2711	28
Washington ".....	3103	48
Arkadelphia ".....	3506	43
Little Rock ".....	3101	32
Total this year.....	17,286	182

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 891.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 216.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1198.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 9611.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,663 80.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,625 80. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$1,993 50; Domestic Missions, \$625. Total, \$2,618 50.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Hope, Ark.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

J. H. Riggins, P. E.

Pine Bluff Station, W. H. Browning, B. Watson, Sup.

Pine Bluff Mission, to be supplied.

Arkansas River, H. Armstrong.

Toledo, G. W. Burnett.

DeWitt, H. C. Thompson.

New Edinburg, J. S. Carl.

Flat Bayou, to be supplied (by T. D. F. James).

Lehi, J. F. Carr.

Sheridan, J. C. Greenwood.

Red Fork, W. J. Rogers.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

H. D. McKinnon, P. E.

Monticello Station, S. G. Colburn.

Mount Pleasant, J. P. Holmes.

Selma, W. C. Dunn.

Holly Grove, E. N. Evans.

Saline, Luke G. Johnson.

Locksburg, J. R. Sanders.

Richmond and Rocky Point, J. C. Rhodes.

Little River, J. D. Whitesides.

Ultima Thule, William Whitesides.

Dallas, R. M. Traylor.

Texarkana Circuit, E. M. Keith.

Bright Star, T. G. Galloway.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

D. T. Holmes, P. E.

Arkadelphia Station, G. B. Baskerville.

Hot Springs Station, C. F. Evans.

Malvern Station, A. B. Winfield.

Tulip, G. W. Matthews.

Social Hill, E. Garrett.

Amity, O. C. Robertson.

Murfreesboro, B. E. Mitchell, W. J. Scott, Sup.

Arkansas City, H. R. Withers.

Collins Mission, J. W. Berry.

Lacy, P. W. Preston.

Hamburg Station, E. N. Pipkin.

Hamburg Circuit, Bascom Monk.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 511.

Bartholomew, to be supplied (by J. H. Gould).
Grand Lake, to be supplied (by T. B. Renau).
Palestine, J. T. Thornton.
Moro, J. R. Sherwood.
Warren, J. J. Jenkins.
Warren High School, J. P. Dickey, Principal.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

E. N. Watson, P. E.

Camden Station, Alonzo Monk.
Camden Circuit, W. P. Laney.
Ouachita, J. W. Whaley.
Falcon, J. A. Biggs.
El Dorado, R. P. Wilson.
Hampton, J. M. P. Douglass.
Magnolia, W. W. Graham.
Carolina and Mount Vernon, T. J. Christian.
Lapile, E. L. Gaddy.
Lewisville, D'Arcy Vaughan.
Atlanta, to be supplied, J. Turrentine, Sup.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

B. G. Johnson, P. E.

Washington Station, L. M. Keith.
Hope Station, H. H. Watson.
Prescott Station, C. O. Steel.
Midway, Warren Brooks.
Fulton, L. B. Hawley.
Mineral Springs, F. D. Van Valkenburg.
Centre Point, Archelaus Turrentine.
Clarke, W. J. Davis.
Princeton, R. C. Atchley.

Mount Ida, J. J. Crouch.
Malvern Circuit, W. W. Venable.
Caddo, to be supplied (by C. L. Stoner).
Hot Springs Circuit, to be supplied (by E. B. Hotchkiss).
Alum Fork, to be supplied (by J. James).
Silver City Mission, to be supplied.
South Fork, Joseph Nicholson.
Mountain Mission, to be supplied (by G. W. Logan).

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

C. C. Godden, P. E.

Little Rock: First Church, Horace Jewell.
Spring Street, A. R. Winfield.
West End, C. D. McSwain, J. R. Harvey, Sup.
Little Rock Circuit, Andrew Hunter.
Collegeville, Z. T. McCann.
Benton Station, J. R. Moore, H. Townsend, Sup.
Benton Circuit, W. M. Crowson.
Mauwelle, W. A. Steele.
Austin, J. M. Cline.
Hickory Plain, John McLaughlin.
Lonoke, T. H. Ware.
Carlisle, A. D. Jenkins.
White River, J. A. Stanley.
Richwoods, DeJalma Leake.
Arkansas Female College, A. Hunter, Pres't.

James A. Anderson transferred to White River Conference.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CARPENTERIA, CAL., September 15-19, 1881.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; MILLARD J. LAW, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. Edgar Dunbar. 1.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? None.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? M. F. Grove. 1.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? John Wood, from Pacific Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? C. W. Harris, W. D. King. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? J. W. Craig, G. E. Butler, M. J. Law, A. B. Gill. 4.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? P. O. Clayton. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? S. M. Adams, J. E. Miller. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Los Angeles District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Los Angeles Station.....	90	2
Los Nietos Station.....	209	.....
San Bernardino Station.....	98	1
Santa Ana Station.....	60	2
Anaheim Circuit.....	85	.....
Wilmington Circuit.....	50	.....
New River Circuit.....	80	1
Spadra Circuit.....	93	1
Julian Circuit.....	48	.....
Phoenix and Prescott.....	25	2
	838	9

San Luis Obispo District.

San Luis Obispo Station.....	47	2
Carpenteria Station.....	48	.....
Guadalupe and Lompoc Circuit.....	61	3
Cambria Circuit.....	34	.....
San Luis Obispo Mission.....	13	.....
Santa Clara Circuit.....	35	.....
Tehichipa and Weldon Circuit.....	19	.....
Bakersfield and Glennville Circuit.....	39	1
	296	6

Recapitulation.

Los Angeles District.....	838	9
San Luis Obispo District.....	296	6
Total this year.....	1134	15

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 63.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 28.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 10.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 102.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 780.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$400.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$183 95. Applied as follows: J. E. Miller, \$83 95; S. M. Adams, \$50; Mrs. M. W. Glover, \$50.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Missions, \$154; Domestic Missions, \$121 05. Total, \$275 05.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

J. W. Allen, P. E.

Los Angeles Station, T. R. Curtis.

Los Nietos Station, M. F. Grove.

Santa Ana Station, E. Dunbar.

San Bernardino Station, H. W. Featherstun.

Anaheim Circuit, A. Adams.

Spadra Circuit, R. H. Amon.

New River Circuit, John Wood.

Wilmington Circuit, William Moores.

Julian Circuit, to be supplied.

Temecula and Bear Valley Circuit, to be supplied.

Phoenix and Prescott, to be supplied.

SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT.

W. B. Kavanaugh, P. E.

San Luis Obispo Station, C. W. Harris.

Carpenteria Station, R. Pratt.

Cambria Station, to be supplied.

Moro Mission, to be supplied (by C. J. Pickle).

Guadalupe Circuit, W. D. King.

Lompoc Circuit, to be supplied.

Santa Clara Circuit, to be supplied.

Tehichipa and Weldon Circuit, to be supplied.

Bakersfield and Glennville, to be supplied.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 4-9, 1882.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, President; JOHN T. SAWYER, Secretary.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. Hickson Capers, William Wimberly, Edmund B. Galloway, J. W. Davis. 4.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Frank E. Butler, Jephthah Landrum, Reuben S. Collier, Samuel H. Whately. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Asbury Coke Couey, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Charles Frederick Stivers, Charles T. Munholland, Robert M. Blocker, Albert T. Galloway. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? John L. P. Sheppard, James M. Beard, Samuel S. Keener. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Charles F. Stivers, Albert T. Galloway. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Charles Frederick Stivers, Albert T. Galloway. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Edmund B. Galloway, Samuel H. Whatley. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Edmund B. Galloway, Samuel H. Whatley. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John L. P. Sheppard, Patrick Galvin, John B. Cassity, A. M. Wailes. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? John L. P. Sheppard, P. Galvin, J. B. Cassity, A. M. Wailes. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Christian Schoeffner. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? A. G. Miller, Fred. White. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. A. Parker, J. L. Wright, W. D. Stayton, J. S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancey, P. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, P. H. Dissenweirth, Jesse Fulton. 10.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? John C. Reid, H. C. Thweatt, T. H. Jones. 3.

JOHN C. REID died the 25th of last May. He was admitted to the Memphis Conference, November, 1848; received into full connection and ordained deacon, November, 1850; elected and ordained elder in November, 1852; was transferred to the Arkansas Conference, November, 1854; transferred back to Memphis Conference, October, 1855; and transferred to the Louisiana Conference, October, 1857—his first year in the Louisiana Conference being that of 1858. We believe that Brother Reid was transferred back to the Memphis Conference from us since the war, but remained only one year. For many years his constitution was very frail, and it was a wonder to his brethren how he endured as long as he did. John C. Reid was a man of marked character. He had eccentricities, but his life and preaching were a terrible rebuke to sin. Many of us will recollect occasions when the power of his utterances were overwhelming in their effect. He was a man of great self-reliance, of independence of thought, and positiveness of conviction. He made no compromise with sin, and respected no one merely for the name he bore. While his preaching was generally severe and searching, yet the impression made was that he was thoroughly honest and con-

scientious. The same stern self-reliance and composure were manifest in his sickness that characterized his active life. Although confined to his room and bed for two or three years before he died, yet he did not repine and complain. His mental vigor was retained to the last, and even when too feeble to sit up he took an interest in what was going on in the world. While prostrated upon his bed, emaciated and worn to a skeleton, he rejoiced to see his brethren, and would engage with them in animated conversation on religious and other themes. While there were no exhibitions of joyful anticipations in his last hours, yet his faith never seemed stronger, and he went unflinching down into the death-valley. He died in full confidence that he had fought a good fight, that he had kept the faith, and that there was laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

HENRY C. THWEATT was born April 12, 1805, in Halifax County, Va., and died in De Soto Parish, La., Oct. 15, 1881. His mother died when he was an infant, and his father when he was four years old; hence his early training was necessarily intrusted to others. At eight years of age he was placed at a boarding-school, and from that time until he finished his education at the University of Virginia, he was kept regularly at school. Before he was eighteen he had finished the University course of study—though, from some cause, did not receive his diploma until some years after. In January, 1827, when twenty-two years old, he was married to Miss Amy A. G. Bouseau, of Virginia. "On the 8th day of September, 1831," to use his own language, "Monday morning, between the hours of 10 and 11, I was born again—became a new creature in Christ Jesus; the sky was clear and purely beautiful, so that God alone was to be seen." In February, 1832, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and on the 8th day of May, the same year, he was licensed to preach by John Early, Presiding Elder. He exercised his gifts and grace for five years as a local preacher in Virginia. During these years he preached a great deal, was full of zeal, and was eminently useful. In 1838, he emigrated to Kentucky, where he remained only till the fall of the year; though there so short a time, he was instrumental in producing a gracious revival of religion throughout all that region. At the close of the year he removed to Tennessee. In 1839-40 he settled in North Mississippi, taught school, and continued to preach with zeal, and abounded in the work of the Lord. In 1841 he was received on trial in the Memphis Conference, and the same year transferred to the Virginia Conference. Getting there after the session of the Conference, he took work under the presiding elder, and was placed on the Brunswick Circuit. In 1843 he was received into full connection in the Memphis Conference, and was stationed in the city of Memphis, Tenn. In 1844 he was stationed in Somerville, Tenn. In 1845 he was stationed in Jackson, Tenn. In 1846 he

was on Whiteville Circuit and Mission. In 1847 he located. In 1849 he was readmitted into the traveling connection in the Arkansas Conference, and appointed Agent for the Washington Male and Female Seminary. In 1850 he was appointed Professor of Ancient Languages in the same institution. In 1851 he was transferred to the Louisiana Conference, and stationed at Moreau-street Church, New Orleans, La. In 1852 he was appointed Bible Agent, in which agency he was continued for three years—viz., 1852-1854. In 1855 he was appointed President of Mansfield Female College, and was continued President of this College till June, 1860—in all six years. In 1861 he was appointed Presiding Elder of Shreveport District. Early in this year his health failed to such a degree that at the close of the year he took a superannuated relation to the Conference, which relation he sustained till his death. Such was his relation to the Church and the Conference. From 1842, when first attacked with rheumatic gout, he was frequently subjected to paroxysms of the severest sufferings till the day of his death. His health during all these years was very unreliable, and his sufferings often as great as human nature could endure. But in all his sufferings he was not only a patient Christian, but a wise philosopher—he ever endured as seeing Him who is invisible. His life was eminently a success. He left his impress for good upon the world in which he lived. Along the pathway of his life may still be seen his works of benevolence, which, like oases in the desert, are a means to refresh and strengthen Zion's travelers on their journey. When stationed in Memphis, Tenn., forty years ago, he was instrumental in erecting a commodious church-edifice, where God is still worshiped, saints comforted, and sinners converted. The Bible House on Camp Street, New Orleans, La., was erected by his persistent efforts when he was Bible Agent. Here the Bible in many languages is issued, and goes forth as the healing stream to the nations of the earth. Along farther in his pathway may be seen Mansfield Female College, a beautiful three-story brick building, well adapted to the purpose of female education. Here already hundreds of the fair daughters of North Louisiana and Texas have been educated and polished after the similitude of a palace. These are so many noble monuments to his name. After his labors had ended by consequence of affliction, God called him to suffer awhile longer, which he did as nobly as he labored. When both his labors and sufferings were done, the messenger of death came, not to alarm, but to gently beckon him away to the heaven of his hopes. His remains were first placed in the college-hall—his coffin there decorated with wreathed flowers, a requiem sung, and words of eulogy spoken—and then he was laid to rest in the college-grounds till the final summons.

THOMAS HALL JONES was born in Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 12, 1859. He came with

his parents to New Orleans in 1861, and was mainly educated in the public schools of the city. He was converted at the Sea Shore Camp-ground in the summer of 1876; was licensed to preach by the St. Charles Avenue Quarterly Conference, New Orleans, in the fall of 1877; was admitted on trial in the traveling connection by the Louisiana Conference, December, 1880, and appointed to Lafourche Mission, and died April 4, 1881. Brother Jones's conversion was very clear and powerful, and he began at once to lead his young friends to Christ, and was instrumental in the conversion of several at the same meeting in which he found Christ as his own Saviour. From the first hour of his conversion he felt called to preach, and began at once to prepare for the work. He entered Centenary College, and remained there several months, until failing health compelled him to desist from regular study. For some time in imperfect health, he studied and preached as he was able, serving the Lafourche Mission as a supply during the most of 1880. In improved health, he was admitted on trial, and preached for two or three months; but the insidious disease which had been preying upon him for several years developed suddenly, and in great suffering returning from an appointment about a month before his death, he took his room and bed with but little hope of recovery. His last days and hours were peaceful, and he met death in full possession of his mental faculties, with the utmost tranquillity, and in the assured hope of eternal life. As a preacher, he bid fair, had he lived, to become a useful and successful minister of the gospel. He had greatly endeared himself to the people of his charge, and in his brief ministry among them had accomplished much good. He had a good mind, was fairly educated, and was fully consecrated to the work. A young man of singular purity and beauty of character, he has gone not empty-handed into the presence of the Lord. While we mourn his early death, we are sure that he has not lived in vain.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of W. J. Picot, who was tried and expelled for gross immorality.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

New Orleans District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Carondelet Street.....	544	8	6
Felicity Street.....	282	3	.....
St. Charles Avenue.....	249	.....	2
Moreau Street.....	118	.....	.....
Louisiana Avenue.....	150	.....	.....
Algiers.....	72	.....	.....
Baton Rouge.....	275	.....	.....
Plaquemine and Gros Tete Circuit..	57	.....	.....
Bayou Lafourche Mission.....	60	.....	.....
	1807	11	8

Delhi District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Trenton and Monroe.....	148	.....	.....
Delhi and Madison.....	138	.....	.....
Colony and Faulk's Chapel.....	92	1	1
Bastrop.....	175	.....	.....
Lind Grove.....	284	.....	2
Oak Ridge.....	135	.....	.....
Rayville.....	210	1	.....
Waterproof, Vidalia, and St. Joseph	96	.....	.....
Tensas Circuit.....	44	.....	.....
Tensas Chapel.....	17	.....	.....
Pecan Grove and Lake Providence..	74	.....	3
Floyd.....	334	.....	.....
Winnsboro.....	270	.....	1
	2017	2	8

Homer District.

Homer.....	341	.....	1
Tulip.....	338	.....	2
Haynesville.....	383	.....	2
Minden.....	271	.....	1
Sparta.....	235	.....	2
Arcadia.....	350	1	.....
Vernon.....	398	.....	2
Indian Village.....	205	.....	1
Rochester and Saline Mission.....	92	.....	.....
Downsville.....	362	.....	2
Farmerville.....	427	.....	3
Webster.....	305	.....	5
	3757	1	21

Alexandria District.

Alexandria and Pineville.....	127	.....	.....
Rapides Circuit.....	246	2	1
Winfield Circuit.....	200	13	1
Harrisonburg and Trinity.....	40	.....	1
Scily Island and Oakley.....	190	.....	.....
Jena Circuit.....	352	.....	1
Columbia.....	113	.....	.....
Castor Circuit.....	325	.....	3
Bayou Boeuff and Evergreen.....	168	.....	.....
Spring Creek.....	400	.....	4
Simsport.....	84	.....	.....
Little River.....	80	.....	.....
Cotile Mission.....	92	.....	2
	2417	15	13

Shreveport District.

Shreveport.....	214	.....	1
Mooringsport.....	68	.....	1
Caddo Circuit.....	242	.....	2
Logansport Mission.....	141	.....	1
Mansfield.....	157	.....	1
Pleasant Hill.....	414	.....	.....
Natchitoches.....	146	.....	.....
Natchitoches Circuit.....	408	.....	3
Anacoco Circuit.....	240	.....	4
Springville.....	233	.....	4
Coushatta.....	137	.....	.....
South Bossier.....	220	.....	1
North Bossier.....	151	.....	.....
Manny Circuit.....	181	.....	1
	2952	.....	19

Opelousas District.

Opelousas.....	150	.....	.....
Washington.....	169	.....	.....
Vermillionville.....	61	.....	1
Plaquemine Brulee and Kimball's	500	.....	2
Chapel.....	90	.....	.....
Abbeville.....	188	.....	1
New Iberia.....	62	.....	2
French Mission.....	145	.....	.....
Franklin.....	65	.....	1
Pattersonville and Morgan City.....	88	.....	1
Lake Charles.....	311	.....	1
Sugar Town.....	22	.....	.....
Calcasieu Mission.....	1851	.....	9

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
New Orleans District.....	1807	11	8
Delhi.....	2017	2	8
Homer.....	3757	1	21
Alexandria.....	2417	15	13
Shreveport.....	2952	.....	19
Opelousas.....	1851	.....	9
Total this year.....	14,801	29	78

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 861.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 601.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 153.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 897.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 6346.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$4,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, \$3,348 55. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Missions, \$3,051 53; Domestic Missions, \$1,089 12. Total, \$4,140 65.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Mansfield, La.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Christian Keener, P. E.

New Orleans: Carondelet Street, F. R. Hill.
Felicity Street, Charles W. Carter.
St. Charles Avenue, Joseph B. Walker.
Moreau Street, J. M. Beard.
Louisiana Avenue, Frank E. Butler.

Algiers, Pat Galvin.

Lafourche Mission, Chas. F. Stivers.

Baton Rouge, Joel T. Daves.

Plaquemine and Gros Tete, T. S. Randle.

New Orleans Christian Advocate, Linus Parker, Editor.

South-western Bible Society, James A. Ivy, Agent.

DELHI DISTRICT.

B. F. Alexander, P. E.

Monroe, B. F. White.

Delhi and Madison, R. S. Isbell.

Trenton, A. M. Wailes.

Bastrop, J. E. Bradley.

Lind Grove, J. M. McKee.

Oak Ridge, N. S. Cornell.

Rayville, C. W. Hodge.

Winnsboro, to be supplied.

Waterproof, Vidalia, and St. Joseph, Alf. E. Clay.

Tensas Circuit, William Wimberly.

Lake Providence and Pecan Grove, Henry O. White.
Floyd, Jephthah Landrum.

HOMER DISTRICT.

A. A. Cornett, P. E.

Homer, J. H. Stone.
Tulip, Baxter Clegg.
Haynesville, John A. Miller.
Minden, J. M. Brown.
Sparta and Sabine, C. T. Munholland, R. M. Crowson, Sup.
Arcadia, R. T. Parish.
Vernon, J. W. Medlock.
Indian Village, R. E. Collier.
Rochester, to be supplied.
Downsville, J. F. Patterson.
Farmerville, R. Parvin.
Webster Circuit, to be supplied.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

T. H. McClendon, P. E.

Shreveport, John T. Sawyer.
Mooringsport, to be supplied.
Caddo Circuit, John Pipes, Hickson Capers.
Logansport Mission, to be supplied.
Mansfield, J. J. Billingsley.
Pleasant Hill, William Hart.
Natchitoches, R. Randle.
Anacoco Circuit, to be supplied.
Springville, John W. Hearn.
Coushatta, John B. Cassity.
South Bossier, Enos B. Foust.
North Bossier, Robert A. Davis.
Manny Circuit, R. M. Blocker.
Sabine Circuit, to be supplied.
Mansfield Female College, J. Lane Borden, President.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

F. G. Hocutt, P. E.

Alexandria, J. M. Johnston.
Pineville, J. L. P. Sheppard.
Winfield Circuit, E. B. Galloway.
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island, C. R. Godfrey.
Jena Circuit, to be supplied.
Columbia, Jacob D. Harper.
Castor, C. R. Benson.
Bayou Bœuff and Evergreen, G. M. Liverman.
Spring Creek, Abel Hoffpanir.
Simsport, A. T. Galloway.
Black River, to be supplied.
Little River, W. R. Whately.
Avoyelles French Mission, to be supplied.
Belle Chene, Fred. White.
Colfax, Samuel H. Whately.
Bayou des Glaize, George Jackson.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Lewis A. Reed, P. E.

Opelousas, Thomas J. Hough.
Washington, M. C. Manly.
Vermillionville, Samuel S. Keener.
Plaquemine Brulee and Kimball's Chapel, J. F. Wynn.
Abbeville, J. F. Scurlock.
New Iberia, Thomas J. Upton.
Franklin, T. K. Faunt Le Roy.
Pattersonville and Morgan City, R. S. Trippett.
Lake Charles, S. H. Cooper.
Sugar Town, John W. Davis.
Calcasieu Mission, to be supplied.
Grand Cheniere, to be supplied.

John W. Harmon transferred to Mississippi Conference.

John Matthews transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT OWENSBORO, KY., *October 12-18, 1881.*

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; DAVID MORTON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Albert Givan, Theophilus A. H. Laslie, Thomas V. Joiner, David Q. Travis, Winfield S. Truitt, Andrew J. Ewing, Boon Denton, John S. Crandall, John T. Loyall. 9.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William H. Archey, William K. Dempsy, James W. Guffy, William F. Hogard, John D. Gilliam, James P. Stubblefield, James K. Powell, Will-

iam B. Lucy, George M. Everett, William F. Cashman, John T. Waters. 11.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Francis A. Mitchell, Jacob B. Minnis. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Robert M. Hardaway, DeWitt C. Clarkson, Edward M. Gibbons, John T. Hynes, Samuel K. Breeding, Schuyler G. Shelley. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? John L. Brown, from North-west Texas Conference; Edward H. Morrison and Leroy M. Hirschberg, from Indiana Conference. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Gross Alexander, James W. Bigham, John P. Hogard, William C. Slate, George E. Foskett, John D. Fraser, James T. Rushing, John M. Crowe, George T. Clawson. 9.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Schuyler G. Shelley, Samuel K. Breeding, DeWitt C. Clarkson. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Schuyler G. Shelley, Samuel K. Breeding, DeWitt C. Clarkson. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Alfred N. Beckner. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Alfred N. Beckner. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. J. Tigert, R. W. Browder, J. M. Dempsey, J. W. Walton, D. L. Collie, J. G. Freeman. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. J. Tigert, R. W. Browder, J. M. Dempsey, J. W. Walton, D. L. Collie, J. G. Freeman. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Robert R. Brown. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? James W. Bunton. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. J. Ruddell, R. D. Bennett, M. A. Nantz, G. W. Merritt, B. D. Griffin, S. L. Lee. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. D. Barnett, A. C. DeWitt, G. W. Crumbaugh, A. McCown, R. B. McCown, A. A. Morrison, T. M. Penick, W. F. Harwell, J. W. Taylor, W. W. Mann, H. N. Hobbs, T. Bottomley, M. N. Lasley, S. L. Murrell, W. C. Slate. 15.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? G. W. Brush, J. W. Shelton, R. Fisk, N. H. Lee, J. Board. 5.

tor in some of the most important charges of the Conference, commencing with the old Fourth-street Church, Louisville, and closing this period on the Simpsonville Circuit in 1854. In 1855 he was Agent for the American Tract Society. From the agency he went, by appointment, to the La Grange Circuit. During the succeeding twenty-three years his work embraced the Simpsonville Circuit, Middletown Circuit, Jefferson Academy, and supply on La Grange Circuit, Eighth Street, Walnut Street, and Shelby Street, Louisville; Jeffersontown Circuit, Presiding Elder on Louisville District, Owensboro Station, Henderson Station, Lebanon, and Jeffersonville. He was Agent for the Widows' and Orphans' Home in 1879; was superannuated at the last session of our Conference; and about one month after, on the 13th of November, 1880, he died suddenly—almost “ceasing at once to work and live.” Inasmuch as many wish to speak to the memory of our brother and his fellow-laborers, who so soon followed him to glory, it is needful that this paper be brief; otherwise there would be a mournful pleasure in recalling his “magic voice,” his pleasant, winning presence in the family, the pulpit, and Conference-room. What humility, what faith, what courage, and zeal, and devotion to God and the Church characterized Brother Brush, are known to the older members of the Conference. And all who were present at our last session will recall the fact that, although his presence was an agreeable surprise to us because of his near approach just before to the gate of death, there was a cheery smile upon his face; and in the Anniversary of the Preachers' Aid Society his voice rung out with nearly the old-time music in appeals to the audience for loving practical remembrance of the old preachers, and the widows and orphans of our Conference. Brother Brush was one among a thousand—almost a perfect model of an itinerant Methodist preacher. He has died in the Lord, and is blessed, and his works do follow him. May God help all of us to be as devoted and efficient, and raise up others after his type!

GEORGE WASHINGTON BRUSH, in October, 1828, in the twenty-third year of his age, was licensed to preach by Marcus Lindsay, and in the same month entered the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Church. His first appointment was to the Breckinridge Circuit as a colleague of Abram Baker. He was returned the following year with Absalom Wooliscroft for his colleague. On his first circuit, in a single year, there were two hundred and sixty conversions—a signal proof of the divine recognition of his ministry—such an evidence as Heaven, almost year by year, gave him and the Church throughout his life. In 1830 he was stationed in Bowling Green; from this appointment, through Maysville, Cynthiana, Shelbyville, Frankfort, Brook Street (Louisville), and Lexington, he gave full proof of his ministry. In 1841 he was Agent for the Preachers' Aid Society; then, for thirteen years, he did good work as preacher and pas-

JOHN W. SHELTON was born July 5, 1822, near Greensboro, N. C. His full name was John Anthony Winston Shelton, after a late Governor of Alabama, to whom he was related, but he always signed his name J. W. S. A touching and beautiful letter from his stricken widow says: “I have often heard him say that his attention was first called to heavenly things when he was about two years old, in his nurse's arms, by the preaching of an old, tremulous, white-haired preacher, and that he was converted at six years of age one morning while on his way to school, but that he felt timid about speaking of it, and so his love grew cold, and he was a mere formalist until he was twelve; then he sought earnestly, and obtained renewal of life, and was faithful to the end. I think he was about thirteen when he began to pray in public, and a few years

afterward was called upon to exhort, feeling impressed at the same time with a call to preach." Brother Shelton was educated principally at Randolph-Macon College, and while at college he won many friends upon whose minds and memory he made deep and lasting impressions. It was here that Bishop McTyeire formed his acquaintance, and fell in love with his character. In a beautiful tribute to his memory the Bishop said: "If any of the boys were sick, the kind voice and genial face of Shelton were sure to cheer that dormitory. He could mix a poultice, or turn a hard bed, or watch and nurse through the night, with the tenderness of a woman. Many a parent has blessed him for kindness to a son far away from home." Again the Bishop says: "He was one of the purest, and meekest, and best men I ever knew. At my first knowledge of him he was class-leader, exhorter, and whatever else was needed for the Lord's work, keeping the door at love-feast, collecting quarterage for the chaplain, conducting prayer-meeting, teaching Sunday-school—always and everywhere serving cheerfully and to the best of his ability, so that it is hardly worth while to fix the date of his formal license as a preacher." In Bishop McTyeire's funeral address on the death of the lamented Bishop Doggett he referred to the deceased Bishop as the organizer of the first theological class that was formed in our Church—the inception of the schools of that sort amongst us. The sainted Doggett was the teacher, and H. N. McTyeire, John W. Shelton, and one other, constituted that class. As an itinerant preacher, Brother Shelton was earnest, laborious, sensible, and useful—always hopeful, always kind, uncomplaining, and cheerful; he had kind words for all, and won the respect and esteem of all that saw the beauty of his life, or caught the inspiration of his loving heart. On some of his charges he had great success in adding to the membership; in all of them he exerted an influence for good that will only be known when the secrets of all hearts are revealed. He seemed to be a man without guile—full of gentleness and good-will to all mankind, keenly appreciating a friendship, generously forgiving an offense. His preaching was often more effective out of the pulpit than in it. His scholarship made his services desirable as a teacher, and he spent much time in the education of youth, in different institutions of learning, both under his own control, and as assistant in others. The dear wife, who knew and loved him better than all the world besides, informs us that his first entrance into school-teaching was done to discharge a debt incurred in procuring his education, and when free from that his desire was to be constantly employed in the work of the ministry; but for many years he suffered himself to be persuaded, against his inclination, to take charge of schools and colleges. While successful as a teacher, he was never satisfied in that capacity, but was constantly yearning for his loved employ. Besides the work done in other

fields, he faithfully served several charges in the Louisville Conference, and his influence for good will be remembered in Smithland, Bowling Green, Lebanon, Louisville, Big Spring, Glasgow, Hawesville, Litchfield, and Cadiz, and souls from these and other places will hail him in the eternal day as God's instrument in their salvation. As a pulpit-man, Brother Shelton was not what the world would call a brilliant preacher; but goodness, honesty, and earnestness, pervaded all his utterances. In the pulpit and in the school-room his effort was to lead to Christ. We cannot better describe him than the loving wife has done in her excellent letter: "He was always busy in the work of the Lord, and he was so active and quick," she writes, "that he could do more than most men. Both as a teacher and pastor he was eminently successful in attracting the mind to Christ. He let no opportunity pass of reproving sin, and he did it in such a gentle spirit that he gave no offense, but rather gained the friendship of those reproved. When at the head of institutions of learning he had glorious revivals. Many of his pupils are in heaven to welcome him there, and many others are on the way, who, since his death, have borne tearful testimony to the fruitage of the seed sown by his hands." Describing his life and labors, Bishop McTyeire says: "At Bowling Green, perhaps, were his largest results in the number of souls converted and added to the Church. There he was best known. A member of the Louisville Conference, he was placed on the superannuated list not before it was necessary. By labor and disease he was literally worn out. With continual pain he carried on the itinerant work, so that lines of pain were deeply marked on his face. A severe surgical operation, performed years ago, prolonged his life and labors, but with an oft and easily recurring agony. In 1849 he was married to Miss Martha Cross, who survives and mourns him, feeling that in such a case it is the survivor dies." This good woman, speaking of his illness and death, which occurred in the "little home" they had built out of the remnant of their property near the Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, hoping to educate their son there, writes as follows: "The latter days of my husband's life were the most lovely of his purely lovely life. Each hour contained a sermon of patient resignation to the most acute suffering, of exalted love to God, and meek, uncomplaining submission to his will. He was made perfect through suffering; he was ripe for glory. Never can I forget, so long as memory lasts, his efforts in his dying agony to repeat his favorite text from Job: 'Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.' Ah, my brother, the Church lost one of her most faithful servants when my good and faithful husband died. He was so meek and humble that he never was appreciated. God only knows how I miss him. Henceforth the world is dark to me, but, thanks be unto the Lord, there is light over the river. About his

last conscious words were those of attempted consolation for me. Even in his severest pain he was always unselfish, and trying to do good." This is the wife's picture of the end of a good husband and a faithful preacher, who will answer to our roll-call no more, but when the Lord calls the roll of honor, John W. Shelton will answer high up toward the head of the column. His peaceful death occurred on the 18th of November, 1880. May God's blessing rest upon the widow, and the father's mantle fall upon the son!

ROBERT FISK, son of Henry and Martha Fisk, was born in Monroe County, Va., Nov. 30, 1811. While yet a child he was brought by his father to Montgomery County, Ky., where he was brought up under the watchful care and training of pious Methodist parents. When sixteen years old he was awakened to a sense of sin and the need of regenerating grace, and, yielding to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, he sought the Lord, in penitence and prayer, until the gracious assurance of sins forgiven and peace with God filled his soul with joy and gladness. He joined the Methodist Church as a seeker a few days before his conversion. Not long after this event he felt impressed that he ought to warn sinners to flee from the wrath to come, and point them to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." He began this work from deep convictions of duty—divine grace enabling him to overcome his natural timidity, and divine providence opening the door before him. He was honored and loved by the Church, and the word preached by him was with power and the Holy Ghost, yet he never was formally licensed to preach. Like the zealous and laborious McKendree, afterward Bishop, he seemed to be led on from step to step until he was at last recommended by the Quarterly Conference, and received into the Kentucky Conference on trial as a traveling preacher without having had any license as a local preacher. From 1834 to 1881—forty-seven years—he was identified with the traveling ministry of the Methodist Church. In the division of the Church in 1844 he adhered to the Southern Church, and when the Kentucky Conference of the Church, South, was so divided by the General Conference as to make the Louisville Conference out of part of its territory and membership, Brother Fisk fell into the Louisville Conference, with which he was connected at the time of his death. His first pastoral charge was Carrollton Circuit. This, and every succeeding charge to which he was sent, was filled with commendable fidelity and zeal. He fully indorsed the doctrines and discipline of his Church, and accepted all his appointments with a true loyalty to the cause he had voluntarily espoused. Brought up in a good family, blessed with some educational advantages, and endowed by nature with sound sense and a noble heart, baptized by the one Spirit into the one body of Christ, consecrated to his Master's cause, and full of love

to his fellow-man, it is not strange that Robert Fisk made many personal friends, and attracted to him that class of people whose friendship is desirable, and whose attachment is generally lasting. Brother Fisk was a man that would bear acquaintance. His real worth was known only by close contact. Like the pure gold, the more he was tried the truer he was found. His best and most confiding friends were always those that knew most of his true inwardness—his real character. Whoever followed him on a pastoral charge found that the best people, in and out of the Church, were the friends and admirers of Robert Fisk. To this rule there was no exception. It was true in every charge. He was a fine student, and was well-versed in the Holy Scriptures, and in the writings of many of the ablest authors in theology, science, and general literature. He was a modest, retiring man, never flaunting his learning in the face of the public, and yet few men have been better posted or better prepared to express an opinion on subjects of general interest. He was cheerful in spirit, and confiding to those that he loved, and his intimate friendship was a boon to be desired. He was select in his reading, clear in his perceptions, and sound in his reasonings, but there was a lack of ease in his delivery that robbed many of his sermons of the power and impression that such discourses ought to have produced. He was content to do his duty, and leave results with God. In all the long years of his faithful ministry—preaching thousands of sermons, visiting, instructing, and praying, with thousands of families, taking multitudes of members into the Church, filling all sorts of work, from the mountain mission to a presiding elder's district, and a place in the General Conference—he kept no record of his work, left no notes behind, to tell what he had done, what he had seen, or what he had suffered; made his annual reports to the Conference, and went on to his next work, as if careful for nothing but to be found at the post of duty when the Master should come. In 1843, on the 31st of August, he was happily married to Miss Rebecca M. Perkins, of Warren County, Ky., a woman every way worthy of his heart and hand, who proved a helpmeet indeed, with whom he lived in great peace until death severed the blissful union. This marriage still more developed the beauty of our brother's character. With new cares and responsibilities came new purposes and new motives. Fondly affectionate and tender in his nature, he loved his family, and loved his home, yet suffered nothing to hinder him from his Master's work. Small salaries, hard fields of labor, and the demands of his family, did not abate his zeal. His children he buried in different graveyards, and his great heart shuddered under its sore bereavement; yet he took his only-surviving daughter and his faithful wife, and went on his way, "preaching the kingdom of God." In the short space of four weeks he lost his mother and four sisters, and the world seemed lonely; yet he could say, like Job, "The

Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Brother Fisk was a man of delicate sensibilities and a high sense of honor, and keenly felt an act of ingratitude and injustice; yet his soul was so pure, and his heart so generous, that he could never bear malice, nor keep resentment in his bosom. He was a man of peace, and of few words. Conscious of his own integrity, he was slow to suspect others. Charitable in his judgment, and just in his dealings, he did unto others as he would have them do to him. He was a frugal and industrious man, and in the long years made even his small salaries and meager patrimony yield the means of comfortable support for his old age; and when the general shrinkage in values and large losses by unfortunate investments reduced him again to straitened circumstances, he still maintained his integrity and trust in God, and endeavored to make the best of his surroundings, and with a Christian's fortitude subordinated his wants to his means. For years his health had been gradually declining, and he knew that his end was coming, but he felt no fear. His house was in order. He did not have to prepare when the summons came. He said that he had always served God from principle, and now was not afraid to trust him. He said that his testimony was in his life, conduct, and conversation, and not in his dying words; and yet his dying words were full of calm assurance. He said to a friend, "I have a robe and a crown over there." Rational to the last, he died peacefully in the bosom of his family, at 5 o'clock A.M., April 7, 1881.

NATHANAEL H. LEE was born in Campbell County, Va., April 29, 1816. His parents, Andrew and Elizabeth Lee, came to Kentucky in 1822, and settled in that part of Monroe County that is now included in Barren County. His primary education was obtained in the common neighborhood schools; but he had a great thirst for learning, and as his father had been ruined in his finances by security-debts, Nathanael arranged with the Rev. Henry Woods, President of Urania College, in Glasgow, Ky., to give him the benefit of tuition, and allow him to pay the charges when he could earn the money. This eminent Presbyterian minister and able educator was greatly pleased with young Lee, and gave him special notice, and showed him much kindness, and in turn was greatly praised by Dr. Lee, who spoke of him most gratefully a short time before his death. The money was all earned in due time, and promptly paid. It was the cherished purpose of Nathanael Lee to follow his mother's family in the study of law and statesmanship, but God had other work for him to do. In his twentieth year he attended a meeting at Old Zion Church, in Barren County, where he was convicted and converted under the ministry of the Rev. J. C. C. Thompson, the junior preacher on the circuit, Clinton Kelley being in charge, and Thomas Lasley, presiding elder. Soon after his conversion he

was greatly troubled with convictions that he ought to preach the gospel. The struggle in his mind was fearful—on the one hand his overwhelming sense of unfitness to assume the great responsibilities of the ministry, on the other hand his cherished ambition to win wealth and fame in the practice of the law. He had already arranged with a distinguished jurist to study in his office. He went to God with his burden in agonizing prayer, and was so filled with the divine presence, and so impressed that he must preach or perish, that he then and forever abandoned every other purpose, and resolved, by God's help, to follow his convictions of duty. In his own language, on his death-bed, he "left no bridge behind him." He enlisted for the whole war. In 1838 he was licensed to exhort by the Rev. James King, and that same year the Quarterly Conference licensed him to preach, and recommended him for admission on trial into the Kentucky Conference, Jonathan Stamper being presiding elder. He was received at Danville, and sent to Hopkinsville Circuit, with Gilby Kelly, preacher in charge. The next two years he labored on Mount Pleasant Mission, in the mountains; and two years following he was in charge of Bardstown Station, having been ordained deacon by Bishop Morris, in 1840, and elder by Bishop Waugh, in 1842. His ministry in Bardstown began with great misgivings on the part of the preacher. Coming from two years' work on a mountain mission, with almost no pay, and poorly clad, he trembled at the thought of preaching a whole year to a congregation of town-people, educated and refined; but he was so kindly received, and so well supported, that he soon overcame his embarrassment, and preached to the delight and great spiritual benefit of his people. The opportunity to study was eagerly improved. He had already studied Latin under Mr. Woods, and had commenced the study of Greek under the tutorage of Mr. James Rumsey, of Hopkinsville. From this time onward he became prominent in the Conference. His diligent study, increasing scholarship, and faithful work, created a demand for his services. Two years on Owensboro Circuit, and one year in Smithland Station, were followed by his appointment as Presiding Elder of the Morganfield District. This year (1846) he was first married to Miss Fannie Evans, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Evans, an English Methodist preacher. After two years on the district, he went one year to the Eighth-street Station, in Louisville, and thence two years to Hardinsburg Circuit, but was removed during the second year to take charge of Owensboro, which for two years had been left out of the plan of the circuit. There was a very poor prospect for Methodism in that young city, and Brother Lee's announcement that he would build a Methodist church in Owensboro was received by many with derision; but the derision was soon a surprise, as they saw the walls going up, and the house at last completed, paid for, and occupied, by an

organized Church of eleven members, the nucleus around which the present large congregation has gathered. His next work was one year on Bowling Green District; then four years on Hopkinsville District; then three years on Henderson District; and after that he was for two years Agent for the American Bible Society for the western half of the State of Kentucky. During this time—in March, 1859—he suffered the greatest bereavement of his life—the loss of his loving wife. Speaking soon after of this great sorrow, he said, “I am astonished myself how God’s grace has sustained, and still sustains, me under such a stroke.” In 1860 he was appointed to the Louisville District. This was an eventful year. He was married a second time to a Methodist preacher’s daughter—Miss Sophie McDaniel; and this year he was thrown from his buggy by a frightened horse, and received that fearful fracture of the hip-joint that lamed him the rest of his life; and this year the civil war was brewing, and was raging before the Conference-year expired, so that in the autumn of 1861 he retired to his house in Barren County, and was two years nominally supernumerary, but really was filling Manimoth Cave Circuit, under the Rev. T. C. Frogge, presiding elder. His fracture disabled him from riding a man’s saddle, and where his buggy could not go he traveled on a side-saddle, so determined was he to prosecute his work. In 1865 he filled Glasgow Station, and the next year traveled Logan Circuit, assisted by the Rev. Silas Newton. After that, he was three years Presiding Elder of Bardstown District; then four years following was the efficient and successful President of Logan Female College; then two years on Henderson District, and four years on Louisville District, closed his effective ministry. His health had so failed that his brethren and his physician advised him to rest, and for two years he was superannuated; but each of those two years he would have received an appointment had not his brethren overruled his zeal. Few men, since the days of John Wesley, have done as much and as good work, in the same time, as Dr. Lee. He literally *wore* out. With an eagle eye he watched the interests of the Church, and sounded the alarm when he saw danger approaching. He was a bold and able defender of the faith, and was prompt to resist and oppose any attack upon the doctrines and usages of the Church he so much loved. He was a remarkable student; he wasted no time; his reading was extensive; his culture of a high order; his mental training was exact; his understanding of the subjects he studied clear and accurate. His mind was sharp and incisive, and his memory fine. The amount of knowledge he acquired while doing such incessant ministerial work was a matter of astonishment. Ancient languages, ancient and modern history, mathematics, the sciences, the general literature of the English language, were all familiar to him; but his chief study was theology. He was “mighty in the Script-

ures,” studied them critically, both in translations and in the original, and few men could give a clearer exegesis of any scripture than Dr. Lee. When the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him, his brethren, with one consent, agreed that no man in his Conference more merited such a distinction. He was an able debater, and a clear, logical, instructive preacher, always acceptable and edifying to thoughtful men; yet not a star-preacher with the masses. Revivals and conversions were abundant in his early ministry, but in his later years he was kept so constantly on districts, whose revivals and increase in membership were reported by the pastors of the charges, that it is not known how much he was instrumental in the results. His work seemed to be to edify and indoctrinate. He wrote well and much, but only published one book, and that in opposition to what he considered a sectarian translation of the Holy Scriptures—“*Immersionists Against the Bible.*” He was five times chosen to represent his brethren in the General Conference of the Church, and always commanded their entire confidence and respect. His piety was deep and earnest, and his convictions positive, clear-cut, and well-defined. He was outspoken and severe against the wrong, and bold in defense of the right, as it occurred to his mind. By nature Dr. Lee was of nervous temperament, quick-tempered, and irritable, and all his life long he had a battle to fight against himself, and needed the constant grace of God to help him. As a man, he was true, brave, genial, and generous. He was often in great financial distress, and sometimes burdened with great anxiety; but he trusted in God, and hoped for the best. His last illness was tedious and distressing, yet his confidence did not falter. Even when he had no religious joy, he was sustained by a stubborn faith. He never complained of the providence of God. He greatly enjoyed the visits of his brethren, and entered heartily into their prayers. Even to the last he was full of instruction, and his conversation vivacious and cheerful. He had lamented a lack of fervor of spirit, the absence of the emotional in his religion, and was looking to God for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. It came while meditating upon the song his dear little daughter was singing at the piano—“Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe.” His soul was full of light and love, and he rejoiced in soul, shouting aloud the praise of God. As he expressed it, “Suddenly the light broke upon me as if suns were rising in every quarter;” and this blessing continued until he crossed the stream of death, and continued his song and shout on Canaan’s shore. Could one be at a loss for a funeral text? “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.” Before he died, on Tuesday night, June 14, 1881, at his home near Russellville, Ky., he called his family around him to receive his dying counsel and parting blessing. He begged them to

be Christians, and meet him in heaven—advised them to join the Church at his funeral, and live for a better world. O it was a touching scene when, in that large congregation at Russellville, Brother Lewis, the pastor, arose as the sermon was finished, and repeated the father's dying request, and then, while with weeping eyes was sung, "Take the name of Jesus with you," all his children, not already members, came forward and offered themselves for membership in the Church of their father's choice, and gave themselves to their father's God! A large concourse followed the remains to their silent rest in Maple Grove Cemetery, where he was laid away, to "wait till Jesus comes."

JESSE BOARD, son of Robert and Lydia Board, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., Nov. 21, 1837. His mother was a pious woman, and had him dedicated to God in holy baptism at the hands of the Rev. James King. In his twelfth year he professed religion and joined the Church under the ministry of the Revs. John W. Rhodes and Isaac W. Emerson. Soon after this he lost his mother. Of the effects of that sad stroke he thus speaks in his diary: "My father was not religious, and my elder sister was young. Left without a mother, and no one to counsel me, I wandered away from God, and for some years groped my way in darkness, sometimes trying to walk worthily, and sometimes giving way to vicious and dissipated habits, until the year 1863, when I gave myself anew to God and the Church." In January, 1866, when only nineteen years old, he was married to Miss Eliza B. McGuffin, whose kindly nature and upright life, mingled with much discretion and fond affection, greatly aided him in his efforts to return to a life of piety toward God and fidelity to the Church. We quote again from his journal: "I was licensed to preach Sept. 7, 1852, at Pleasant Grove, on the Hudsonville Circuit (A. G. Fraser, P. C., and George H. Hayes, P. E.); was sent as a supply to Litchfield Circuit in 1874-5; was admitted into Conference in 1876, at Cloverport, and appointed to Caneyville Mission, and in 1878 was appointed to Morgantown Circuit." Jesse Board was an earnest, conscientious man, and in many respects a model for other preachers. He had a high sense of personal honor, and felt that his word was his bond, and his pledge was sacred. If his necessities compelled him to make debts, he would put in his leisure hours at secular labor and find employment for his children, that he might earn the means to pay his debts and live honestly in the sight of all men. He taught industry and frugality by example and precept. The spirit of cheerfulness and domestic bliss that breathed in his family, and the tender affections that were taught and felt in the home circle, were delightful to behold: Poverty and pressure could not abate his zeal nor destroy his peace. The opportunities of early education were few and very limited, but his mind by nature was active and strong,

his perceptions quick and clear. The books that he read he remembered, and the ideas and arguments he heard he recast in his mind and made them his own, so that his stock of information constantly grew, and his ability as a preacher steadily increased. He was popular as a man, and as a preacher he commanded the respect of sinners as well as the love of Christians. He had strong faith in God, and preached expecting the divine blessing on the word of truth. Few men of equal opportunities have accomplished so much in so short a time. He witnessed scores and hundreds of conversions, and built up the Church wherever he went. Many a man with classic scholarship and superior abilities might well covet his better gifts of access to the people and power to lead them to Christ. The stars in his crown of rejoicing will be many and bright. As a preacher, Brother Board was warm and earnest, sometimes eloquent and logical, and always a current of good sense and sound doctrine rolled musically through his sermons. There was a magnetism in him that drew people to him, and he led them to the Saviour. He was a good pastor, a good preacher, and a good man. As a friend, he was true and ardent; his sensitive soul responded gratefully to a kindness, and felt keenly the sting of injustice and wrong. As a neighbor, he was genial and accommodating; as a husband and father, the idol of the household. His untimely death has thrown a somber shadow over many a house, and many parents and children together lament his loss and mingle their tears with those of his own stricken household, and of his brethren and fellow-sufferers "in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." Of his last illness and triumphant exit his son writes to the Rev. G. R. Browder, conveying his father's wish that he should preach his funeral-sermon. He says: "Pa, as you may remember, has complained of nervous headache for a long time, and I have noticed him gradually grow worse. He protracted his last quarterly-meeting at Hall's Chapel for several days, and while there complained of pains and dizziness in his head, but would neither take medicine nor rest. Then came the District Conference, in which he took an active part, and finally, on Sunday night after the Conference, he was so overcome with heat and fatigue that he took his bed. During the night he stopped breathing, while ma was watching him, and, after being revived, had several other apoplectic faints. We called Dr. Taylor, who pronounced it apoplexy, or softening of the brain, and began to do his best. The fainting spells grew harder and harder until Thursday night, when, after being revived from what proved his last faint, he called each one of the family and all the neighbors present around him, and exhorted them all separately, in the most eloquent language that ever I heard fall from the lips of man. After saying all that was vital to us all, he began to generalize, when we prevailed on him to rest a little, hoping, from his continued strength, that he might

even yet be restored to health. After this he talked but little, but he was all the time quoting some grand scriptures or some suggestive hymns. 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.' Between his shouts of praise he would commend his dear wife and children to Him who sent him. He also prayed that his mantle might fall upon one of his sons. He assured my mother that he would wait at the gate for her. His sufferings at last were so intense that he did not talk much, but he constantly gave signs of recognition. At 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening, Aug. 21, after an illness of eight days, he breathed his last, surrounded by his family and a host of friends." And so was granted the prayer which was found written in his diary. He said: "I have been greatly blessed of the Lord in my feeble efforts to preach the gospel. I want to be permitted to live out my days in active service, that it may be written of a truth, 'He died at his post.'"

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Louisville District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Walnut Street.....	483	2
Broadway.....	450	2
Chestnut Street.....	371	2
Shelby Street.....	415	2
Jefferson Street.....	348	.....
Portland and Shippingport.....	176	1
West Broadway.....	72	.....
East Louisville Mission.....	199	1
Jeffersonville, Ind.....	109	.....
Louisville Circuit.....	89	.....
Mount Holly Mission.....	220	2
Middletown Circuit.....	161	1
Jeffersontown Circuit.....	376	2
	3469	15

Elizabethtown District.

Hodgenville Circuit.....	336	2
Elizabethtown Circuit.....	150	1
Hardinsburg Circuit.....	377	2
West Point Circuit.....	320	2
Brandenburg Circuit.....	390	.....
Wolf Creek Circuit.....	47	.....
Big Spring Circuit.....	372	3
Litchfield Circuit.....	186	1
Bear Creek Circuit.....	65	1
Falls of Rough Circuit.....	190	.....
Long Grove Circuit.....	428	4
Bacon Creek Circuit.....	503	4
Mackville Circuit.....	248	2
Constantine Circuit.....	250	5
	3862	27

Owensboro District.

Owensboro Station.....	310	.....
Curdsville Circuit.....	184	1
Yelvington Circuit.....	294	.....
Calhoun Circuit.....	358	2
Livermore Circuit.....	264	1
Whitesville Mission.....	135	1

Owensboro District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Hartford Circuit.....	560	2
Hawesville Circuit.....	210	1
Lewisport Circuit.....	316	1
Rockport Circuit.....	334	2
Cloverport Station.....	145	.....
	3110	11

Henderson District.

Henderson Station.....	191	2
Corydon Circuit.....	480	1
Morganfield Circuit.....	275	2
Uniontown Circuit.....	80	1
Caseyville Circuit.....	245	1
Madisonville Circuit.....	335	3
Slaughtersville Circuit.....	405	3
Sacramento Circuit.....	334	6
Greenville Circuit.....	380	1
West Greenville Circuit.....	395	8
Spottsville Circuit.....	250	.....
Dixon Circuit.....	120	1
Sebree City Circuit.....	341	4
Nortonville Mission.....	34	.....
	3775	33

Princeton District.

Princeton Circuit.....	196	1
Marion Circuit.....	360	2
Shady Grove Circuit.....	325	6
Carrsville Circuit.....	252	1
Smithland Station.....	93	.....
Smithland Circuit.....	397	3
Eddyville Circuit.....	332	2
Kuttawa Circuit.....	136	1
Cadiz Circuit.....	135	1
Wallonia Circuit.....	460	1
La Fayette Circuit.....	207	1
Crofton Mission.....	201	7
Canton Circuit.....	262	1
Golden Pond Circuit.....	180	1
	3446	28

Russellville District.

Russellville Station.....	228	1
Adairville Circuit.....	357	3
Elkton Circuit.....	281	.....
Fairview Circuit.....	412	2
Hopkinsville Circuit.....	208	.....
Allensville and Bethlehem.....	156	2
Olmstead Circuit.....	109	.....
Anburn Circuit.....	284	2
Lewisburg Circuit.....	306	2
Trenton Circuit.....	168	1
Todd Circuit.....	439	2
Kirkmansville Mission.....	30	.....
	2978	15

Bowling Green District.

Bowling Green Station.....	226	.....
Rich Pond Circuit.....	300	.....
Smith's Grove Circuit.....	351	3
Franklin and Scottsville.....	252	3
Franklin Circuit.....	544	3
New Roe Circuit.....	667	7
Glasgow and Dover Circuit.....	185	2
Morgantown Circuit.....	604	3
Brownsville Circuit.....	325	3
Caverna Circuit.....	363	2
Temple Hill Circuit.....	310	5
Scottsville Circuit.....	562	5
	4658	36

Columbia District.

Columbia Circuit.....	288	2
Gradyville Circuit.....	456	5
Burksville Circuit.....	211	1
Edmunton Circuit.....	188	1
Summer Shade Circuit.....	525	5
Monticello Circuit.....	240	2
Wayne Circuit.....	215	2
Albany Circuit.....	497	6
Creelsboro Circuit.....	219	6
Jamestown Circuit.....	256	2
Cumberland Circuit.....	381	5

Columbia District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Lo- cal Pr's.
Mount Lebanon Circuit.....	275	.....
Peytonsburg Circuit.....	148	3
	3898	40

Lebanon District.

Lebanon Station.....	109	.....
Bardstown and Stoner's.....	121	1
Springfield Circuit.....	75	1
Bradfordsville Circuit.....	220	.....
New Haven Circuit.....	260	.....
Campbellsville Circuit.....	218	.....
Mannsville Circuit.....	327	1
Greensburg Circuit.....	469	.....
Munfordsville Circuit.....	286	2
Buffalo Mission.....	383	1
Shepherdsville Circuit.....	223	1
	2691	7

Recapitulation.

Louisville District.....	3469	15
Elizabethtown ".....	3862	27
Owensboro ".....	3110	11
Henderson ".....	3775	33
Princeton ".....	3446	28
Russellville ".....	2978	15
Bowling Green ".....	4688	36
Columbia ".....	3898	40
Lebanon ".....	2691	7
Total this year.....	31,917	212

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 687.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1523.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 239.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1573.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 11,622.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$3,800.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,934 18. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$2,466 13; Domestic Missions, \$2,299 50. Total, \$4,765 63.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Elizabethtown, Ky.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

David Morton, P. E.

Walnut Street, J. C. Morris.
Broadway, B. M. Messiek.
Chestnut, H. C. Morrison, G. W. Merritt, Sup.
Shelby, Dennis Spurrier.
Jefferson, Henry C. Settle.
Portland, George H. Means.
Shippingport, to be supplied (by A. E. Walk-up).
East Louisville Mission, J. P. Goodson.
West Broadway, Robert W. Browder.
Jeffersonville, George E. Foskett.
Louisville Circuit, B. F. Biggs.
Mount Holly Mission, Jesse F. Pike.
Middletown, Gross Alexander, S. L. Lee, Sup.

Jeffersontown Circuit, Leonard Ames.
Agent Widows' and Orphans' Home, J. M. Lawson.

Educational Agent, David Morton.

President Kentucky Female College, Erastus Rowley.

Assistant Instructor at Vanderbilt University, John J. Tigert.

OWENSBORO DISTRICT.

J. S. Scobee, P. E.

Owensboro, G. H. Hayes.

Curdsville, E. Thurman, M. A. Nantz, Sup.

Owensboro Circuit, B. F. Orr, B. D. Griffin, Sup.

Calhoun, G. W. Dennis.

Livermore, W. T. Davenport.

Whitesville Mission, W. K. Dempsy.

Hartford, R. C. Alexander, R. D. Bennett, Sup.

Hawesville, Val. P. Thomas.

Lewisport, T. G. Fallin.

Rockport, M. M. Hunter.

Cloverport, S. C. Allen.

HENDERSON DISTRICT.

T. D. Lewis, P. E.

Henderson Station, John W. Lewis.

Corydon, G. B. Overton.

Morganfield, W. T. Moore.

Uniontown, L. E. Campbell.

Caseyville, Jacob D. Sigler.

Madisonville, W. W. Lambuth.

Slaughtersville, W. C. Hayes.

Sacramento, R. C. Love.

Greenville, R. Y. Thomas.

West Greenville, W. F. Cashman.

Spottsville, A. G. Fraser.

Dixon, J. W. Bowan.

Sebree City, J. W. Walton.

President Greenville College, E. W. Hall.

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT.

T. G. Harrison, P. E.

Hodgenville, C. Y. Boggess.

Elizabethtown, G. W. Lyon.

Harrodsburg, J. R. Dempsy.

West Point, W. R. Godbey.

Brandenburg, J. M. Phillips.

Wolf Creek Mission, Albert Givan.

Big Spring, B. A. Cundiff.

Litchfield, J. T. Rushing.

Bear Creek Mission, T. A. H. Laslie.

Falls of Rough, D. C. Clarkson.

Long Grove, G. S. King.

Bacon Creek, W. L. Corbin.

Millerstown, to be supplied.

Mackville, J. M. Dempsy.

Constantine, W. H. Archey.

PRINCETON DISTRICT.

E. M. Crowe, P. E.

Princeton, J. F. Redford.

Marion, J. L. Edrington.

Shady Grove, J. P. Hogard.

Carrsville, C. M. Caldwell.

Smithland, J. T. Hynes.

Smithland Circuit, S. G. Shelley.
 Eddyville, E. E. Pate.
 Kuttawa, W. T. Reid.
 Cadiz, John M. Crowe.
 Wallonia, P. A. Edwards.
 La Fayette, J. W. Bigham.
 Cadiz Circuit, J. C. Brandon.
 Empire, T. V. Joiner.
 Hampton Mission, to be supplied (by W. P. Peck).
 Tradewater Mission, to be supplied (by A. N. Becker).

RUSSELLVILLE DISTRICT.

G. R. Browder, P. E.

Russellville, R. F. Hayes.
 Adairville, J. A. Lewis.
 Elkton, J. C. Petree.
 Fairview, T. C. Peters.
 Hopkinsville, S. R. Brewer.
 Allensville and Bethlehem, I. W. Emerson.
 Olmstead, W. Alexander.
 Auburn, J. D. Gillam.
 Lewisburg, T. C. Frogge.
 Trenton, J. D. Fraser.
 Todd, E. H. Morrison.
 Crofton Mission, Leroy Hirshberg.

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT.

E. R. Harrison, P. E.

Bowling Green, J. B. Cottrell.
 Bowling Green Circuit, T. J. Randolph.
 Smith's Grove, J. S. McGee, J. J. Ruddell, Sup.
 Franklin, Silas Newton.
 Glasgow and Scottsville, A. H. Redford.
 Scottsville, J. G. Freeman.
 Franklin Circuit, P. T. Hardison.
 New Roc, D. S. Bowles.
 Richardsville, F. M. Rose.
 Brownsville Mission, Boon Denton.
 Caverna, J. S. Keen.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

D. S. Campbell, P. E.

Columbia Circuit, W. F. Alexander.
 Breeding's Circuit, G. M. Everett.
 Burksville, E. M. Gibbons.
 Edmunton, to be supplied.
 Summer Shade, S. K. Breeding.
 Monticello, J. T. Waters.
 Wayne, to be supplied.
 Albany, W. F. Hogard.
 Creelsboro, J. P. Stubblefield.
 Jamestown, Josiah Godbey.
 Cumberland, John J. Crandall.
 South Fork Mission, J. K. Powell.
 Peytonsburg Mission, to be supplied.
 Temple Hill, John L. Brown.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

H. M. Ford, P. E.

Lebanon Station, E. W. Bottomley.
 Bardstown, D. L. Collie.
 Springfield, V. Elgin.
 Bradfordsville, W. C. Brandon.
 New Haven, G. F. Cundiff.
 Campbellsville, R. M. Hardaway.
 Mannsville, J. W. Love.
 Greensburg, S. H. Lovelace.
 Munfordsville, J. S. McDaniel.
 Buffalo Mission, J. W. Guffy.
 Shepherdsville, L. B. Davison.
 Mount Lebanon, W. B. Lucy.

G. T. Clawson, John T. Loyall, and A. J. Ewing, transferred to Illinois Conference.
 W. S. Truitt and D. Q. Travis transferred to St. Louis Conference.
 J. V. Guthrie transferred to Indiana Conference.
 George Needham transferred to Denver Conference.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BOLIVAR, TENN., November 9-14, 1881.

BISHOP PAINE, *President*; R. H. MAHON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. Jacob F. Carl, William D. Jenkins, J. B. Currie, Robert W. Erwin, Ed. B. Graham, Jesse G. Burks. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? W. B. Matthews, Charles B. Hilliard, Dillard M. Evans, Josephus Edwards, Reginald B. Swift, William T. Lock, William H. Armstrong, David L. Hines, E. B. Chappell. 9.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? G. Leath. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Otis B. Whitten, J. W. Grimes, H. J. Turner, George W. Evans, E. H. Stewart, J. W. Waters, Lewis R. Martin. 7.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? David Leath, John H. Johnson. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? W. S. Malone, J. A. Moody, John T. Wiggins,

Job R. Bell, R. N. Freeman, James R. Hardin, R. Y. Blackwell, W. F. Barrier, Z. W. Richardson. 9.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Otis B. Whitten, Edward H. Stewart. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Otis B. Whitten, Edward H. Stewart. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John C. Wilson, Robert W. Erwin, L. W. Travis, J. R. Bullington, William D. Jenkins, Edward B. Graham. 6.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John C. Wilson, Robert W. Erwin, L. W. Travis, J. R. Bullington, William D. Jenkins, Edward B. Graham, T. J. Owen. 7.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? George T. Peeples, E. K. Bransford, R. W. Newsom, A. N. Sears, J. B. Sears, W. H. Blalock, John S. Collins. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? George T. Peeples, E. K. Bransford, R. W. Newsom, A. N. Sears, J. B. Sears, W. H. Blalock, John S. Collins. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? H. G. Reeves. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Thos. Joyner, C. D. Davis, J. V. Fly, M. D. Robinson, W. M. McFerrin, Jere. Moss, J. E. Beek, T. C. Ellis, D. M. K. Collins, D. C. Wells, E. L. Fisher, N. Futrell. 12.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? H. B. Covington, J. M. Flatt, James M. Major, T. J. Neeley, Benjamin Peeples, J. C. Crews. 6.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? W. D. F. Hafford, S. B. Surratt, Thomas C. Holmes. 3.

W. D. F. HAFFORD, son of John Hafford, was born in Haywood County, Tenn., near the town of Brownsville. In the midst of that intelligent and religious community he was reared, and educated, and lived, until he left his father's pleasant home for the ever-changing scenes that make up the life-history of a Methodist traveling preacher. Being trained by pious parents, he embraced religion in early life, and united at once with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Soon after coming to the years of manhood, after much struggling with diffidence and modesty on the one hand, and a solemn sense of duty on the other, he consecrated himself and his life to the cause of Christ in the work of the ministry. Brother Hafford was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference in 1850, and in due course was graduated to deacon's orders, and received into full connection, and ordained an elder in 1854. We deem it unnecessary to give in detail all of the charges which he filled during the thirty years in which he went in and out among us. During these years he traveled on various circuits, some called hard, some more pleasant. He filled different stations, and the more re-

sponsible position of presiding elder. But whether on the circuit, in the station, or on the district, in the cottage of the humble poor, or in the home of the wealthy, he commanded respect as a messenger of God, and was beloved by the people whom he served, and among whom he mingled. The same may be said of the hold which he held on the hearts of his brethren in the Memphis Conference—meek, modest, unassuming, yet always cheerful and sunny in social intercourse; generous and liberal in his feelings, yet always faithful to the calls of duty and religious principle. His brethren at Somerville have well said in their tribute to his memory: "His private cares and personal feelings were lost in this complete absorption in his 'loved employ.' His whole life, pure and spotless, was laid, 'like a white flower, on the Saviour's breast.'" While Brother Hafford was not a great orator, in the common acceptance of the term, he was a good preacher, and a workman that needed not to be ashamed of his work. He was sound in the doctrine, and a faithful expounder of the word of God. As a pastor, he was faithful, gentle, kind; full of sympathy for the sick, the poor, and the suffering, under any afflictions and trials; always carrying a sweet influence into the chamber of the dying and the home of the bereaved, pointing the stricken ones to the Saviour, and to heaven. He had been in rather feeble health for some years, and seemed somewhat frail at our Conference last fall at Trenton, but we thought, and so did he, that he was still able to do efficient work in the Master's vineyard; and he was appointed to Somerville Station, where he had labored much, and was much beloved. We little thought that in a few short weeks he would be called to exchange his armor for the crown in heaven. But such was the will of the Father. On the 23d of December, 1880, our brother, W. D. F. Hafford, died in perfect peace, full of faith and hope in the gospel he had preached so long and faithfully to others. Many kind and loving friends were about him, with their prayers and ministrations, in his last hours. They were anxious to have him remain longer with them, but God's messengers had come to take him home. His brethren in Somerville have put upon the records of their Church an affectionate testimonial of their esteem for his Christian character, and of their fervent love for him as a minister and pastor. Among other things, they say: "When such was his life, we may know without testimony the nature of his death. The grace was given unto him all the journey through, kindled into a glory-flame as he reached the goal; the Being to whose service had been devoted his time and talents did not leave him to meet alone the last enemy; but, feeling the everlasting arms about him, he was fearless and triumphant, for he 'knew Him in whom he had trusted.' To us the world was better and brighter that he lived; it is sadder, darker, drearier, now that he is gone." Our brother has finished his work—he did it well, and fin-

ished it gloriously. We miss him from our ranks, and a shade of sadness comes over us as we hear it announced that he has gone from our midst forever; but in the midst of our sorrow we rejoice to know that he found the Lord graciously present to cheer him in the last struggle, giving assurance that he was entering into rest forever.

SAMUEL B. SURATT was born in Alabama, in the year 1832, and at the age of seven with his parents moved to the State of Mississippi, and in that State he was brought up to manhood. In his eighteenth year he sought and, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, found the "pearl of great price." On the subject of his conversion we have heard him speak on several occasions, and always with feeling and confidence—his mind was clear, free from doubt. The day of his espousal to God was a bright and beautiful day; on its horizon no clouds appeared; no hurtling gloom obscured its light; no fears disturbed its holy peace. And when he spoke of it—as he often did—his heart warmed, his eye brightened, and his tongue gave forth no uncertain sound. As a man, S. B. Suratt was true and trustworthy on all the ground. His heart was generous and sympathizing, and went out to all who needed it. His views gave the largest scope to love and good works, and made his life blessed. He was peculiar in his mental construction, in his whole mental make-up, just like himself, and unlike everybody else; original in his modes of thought, and expression, and manner; as a friend, confiding, constant, and true, ever ready to right a wrong, correct an error, and forgive a fault in others, and confess it in himself—warm-hearted, with strongest attachments. As a minister of the gospel, his individuality was marked. Unlike everybody, he stood apart from the whole race of preachers—quaint, unique, *sui generis*. In thought, manner, gesture, he was himself—unaping and inimitable. S. B. Suratt was a genius, a bold thinker, a good preacher, a good builder, and an excellent pastor. He did the work of a Methodist preacher, and did it well. Wherever he went as pastor he commanded large congregations—the people loved to hear him preach, loved him in the social circle. And especially was he a favorite among the young people. But he has finished his work on earth—gone home to rest. God gave him to the Church and world, and guided him through both. Let the soldier, honorably discharged from the Church militant—the battlefield below—enjoy his palm; let the victor shout. We are glad there is one star more, one scepter more, one crown more, shining in the heaven of heavens! S. B. Suratt was one of a class numbering twenty-five, who joined the Memphis Conference in 1852. And in the Conference he labored about four years; then he was transferred to the Louisiana Conference, and there remained, filling important appointments, about twelve years; then he returned to the Memphis Conference, and served

with great acceptability and usefulness the following charges: Paris, Paducah, Jackson, Bolivar, and in the city of Memphis, First Church and Central. The last-mentioned was his last appointment on earth, his last work for the Master and the Church he loved. On the 8th of July, 1881, at the home of his young manhood, near Corinth, Miss., he quit the field, and went on high to rest. In his last hours, when he had come to the margin of the river, and was waiting to cross over, he said to his tearful, stricken wife, "Sing the song I love." She sung, "Waiting and watching—will any one be at the beautiful gate?" He replied, "Yes, I will be there."

THOMAS C. HOLMES, a native of Lauderdale County, Tenn., was the son of Thomas R. Holmes and his wife, substantial people, Christians, Methodists, noted for purity of character and uprightness of life. They taught their son the way of righteousness, and when but a boy he gave his heart to God, and became a Methodist. His parents conferred upon him, as far as they were able, the advantages of education. He made good progress in the schools not distant from home, particularly Mr. Byars's excellent school at Covington, and at length became a student at Emory and Henry College, Virginia, where he was well advanced in his studies, but was obliged, by the lack of means, to retire before graduation. Besides, he had felt that he was called to the ministry of Christ, and he longed to enter the itinerancy. In 1874 he was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference, and appointed as junior preacher to Collierville Circuit. There he did zealous service, was useful, and dearly beloved. But he felt deeply the need of thorough training for the ministry. Kind friends—some at Collierville, and others at Memphis—offered to assist him. Vanderbilt University invited him, and he became a student in the Biblical Department, in which he continued three years, and was graduated with distinction. His life at the University was marked by studious habits, and by devotedness to the Master's service—preaching often, and in many ways improving opportunities of doing good. He enjoyed the confidence, esteem, and love, of his instructors and of his fellow-students, who fondly hoped that his ministry would be successful in a high degree. In the summer and autumn of 1878 he supplied a pastoral vacancy at Augusta, Ark.; and at that year's session of the Memphis Conference he was again admitted on trial, and was appointed to Saffarans-street Church, Memphis, to which he was again appointed in 1879. This charge he filled most acceptably and with usefulness. In 1880 he was appointed to Alamo and Bell's; but in a short time, having but just fairly entered upon his work, his frail frame was prostrated by disease, which rapidly brought him down to death. Thus with his armor well-fitted, strong, and bright, in the field of glorious war for the truth and the right, this young soldier of Christ was strangely called

by his Captain—called to higher service, called to reward and enjoyment promised to conquerors through Christ. We know not, but God knows best, God does best; and so we bow to him, with hearts bleeding and eyes tearful, but with faith, and hope, and love, triumphant in Him who makes no mistakes, and assures us that we shall know hereafter. Modest, gentle, pure in heart; not brilliant, but clear, strong, well-balanced in intellect; scholarly, especially in Bible learning and in theology; conscientious, devout, zealous, and faithful, our brother was an instructive preacher and a true pastor; and though his ministry ended when he was only about thirty years of age, when he had just passed his novitiate, and been admitted into full connection with us, his life was not a failure—it was a splendid success. We mourn the departure of a beloved brother, a sweet-spirited Christian, a young preacher of unusual promise; and we deeply sympathize with his bereaved family, while we pray for God's blessing upon the wife, so soon a widow, and upon the child who will never know a father's love and kind care. Our brother died at Bell's, Saturday night, January 8, 1881, and, after a funeral-sermon was preached at the First Methodist Church, Memphis, on Monday morning, by the Rev. W. T. Harris, D.D., his body was buried at Elmwood, in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead. We close with a sentence or two of a letter from the bereaved wife to the writer of this memoir: "Mr. Holmes left a loving farewell for you and all his brethren in the ministry. He died quite unexpectedly to us all; but, thanks be to God, he died triumphantly, trusting in Jesus."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Memphis District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
First Church.....	360	.....
Central.....	163	1
Hernando Street.....	196	1
Saffarans Street.....	90	.....
Georgia Street.....	32	.....
Springdale.....	157	2
Bethlehem.....	226	2
Germantown Mission.....	57	1
Collierville.....	180	.....
Moscow.....	93	.....
La Grange and Saulsbury.....	292	1
Williston.....	196	1
Macon.....	255	2
Bartlett.....	198	.....
	2495	11

Somerville District.

Somerville.....	86	.....
New Castle.....	231	2
Whiteville.....	329	3
Daneyville.....	290	2
Stanton.....	203	1
Covington Station.....	112	1

Somerville District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Covington Circuit.....	319	1
Randolph Circuit.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion.....	290	2
Embury.....	263	.....
Gratitude.....	240	2
Braden.....	225	1
	2588	15

Jackson District.

First Church.....	266	2
East Jackson.....	185	1
West Jackson.....	49	.....
Jackson Circuit.....	373	5
Humboldt.....	170	.....
Trenton Circuit.....	421	5
Brownsville.....	431	1
Brownsville Circuit.....	599	1
Denmark.....	354	3
Pinson.....	585	3
Montezuma.....	214	4
Henderson.....	101	.....
Lavinia.....	375	.....
Spring Creek.....	324	1
	4447	26

Dyersburg District.

Dyersburg.....	155	1
Dyersburg Circuit.....	542	6
Newbern.....	350	1
Kenton.....	441	5
Rutherford.....	432	4
Trenton.....	162	1
Alamo and Bell's.....	203	2
Alamo Circuit.....	317	1
Friendship.....	624	4
Woodville.....	615	6
Ripley and Durhamville.....	264	3
Ripley Circuit.....	580	3
Hale's Point Mission.....	61	.....
	4746	37

Union City District.

Union City.....	208	3
Hickman.....	127	.....
Hickman Circuit.....	596	1
Tiptonville.....	327	4
Troy.....	400	3
Centreville.....	250	1
Sharon.....	600	3
Martin.....	551	11
Walnut Grove.....	714	.....
Fulton.....	90	1
Fulton Circuit.....	467	3
Dresden and Grove Hill.....	190	1
Cottage Grove.....	314	1
Boydsville.....	533	5
Pisgah Mission.....	152	.....
	5519	37

Paducah District.

Paducah.....	301	2
Paducah Circuit.....	268	1
Hinkleville.....	364	5
Milburn.....	675	5
Columbus.....	85	2
Clinton.....	112	.....
Clinton Circuit.....	733	1
Wingo.....	600	4
Mayfield.....	172	2
Wadesboro.....	418	4
Murray and Benton.....	122	1
Benton.....	425	2
Fine Bluff Mission.....	35	.....
Birmingham.....	497	14
Briensburg.....	400	1
Wickliff Mission.....	121	.....
	5328	44

Paris District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Paris.....	135	2
Paris Circuit.....	519	5
Huntingdon.....	600	3
McKenzie.....	137	2
Gleason.....	622	3
Spring Hill.....	260	2
Bradford.....	317	5
Trezevant.....	397	2
Milan.....	170	2
Murray Circuit.....	813	9
Paris Landing.....	404	2
Big Sandy.....	487	4
Camden.....	634	6
	5495	47

Bolivar District.

Bolivar.....	92	1
Bolivar Mission.....	214	2
Grand Junction.....	195	2
Pocahontas Mission.....	284	1
Hamburg.....	489	3
Purdy.....	340	3
Adamsville.....	414	3
Saltillo.....	365	7
Decaturville.....	458	5
Scott's Hill Mission.....	208	1
Lexington.....	38	1
Lexington Circuit.....	425	4
Mifflin.....	352	.....
	3874	33

Recapitulation.

Memphis District.....	2495	11
Somerville ".....	2588	15
Jackson ".....	4447	26
Dyersburg ".....	4746	37
Union City ".....	5519	37
Paducah ".....	5328	44
Paris ".....	5495	47
Bolivar ".....	3874	33
Total this year.....	34,492	250

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 971.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2494.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 377.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2549.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 19,803.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,315 30. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$4,079 70; Domestic Missions, \$965 29. Total, \$5,044 99.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Dyersburg, Tenn.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

A. H. Thomas, P. E.

First Church, R. H. Mahon, W. M. McFerrin, Sup.
Central Church, J. H. Evans.
Hernando-street Church, Warner Moore.
Saffarans-street Mission, J. P. Walker.

Georgia-street Mission, J. A. Moody.
Springdale Circuit, A. L. Pritchett.
Bethlehem Circuit, J. C. Hooks.
Collierville and Germantown, J. A. Heard, Thomas Joyner, Sup.
Moscow Circuit, J. E. Treadwell.
La Grange Circuit, J. W. Knott.
Williston Circuit, J. S. Renshaw.
Macon Circuit, A. C. Smith.
Bartlett Circuit, W. A. Cook.
Shelby Mission, Jacob Carle.
Bellevue Female College, J. A. Heard, Pres't.
Chapel Hill and Forest Hill, T. P. Holman.
Western Methodist, W. C. Johnson, Editor.

SOMERVILLE DISTRICT.

T. L. Boswell, P. E.

Somerville Station, E. K. Bransford.
New Castle Circuit, R. V. Taylor.
Whiteville Circuit, J. A. Fife.
Dancyville Circuit, W. L. Duckworth.
Stanton Circuit, W. R. Newsom.
Covington Station, J. G. Clark.
Covington Circuit, W. M. Leatherwood.
Randolph, E. B. Plummer.
Mount Zion Station, H. J. Turner.
Embury Circuit, R. Y. Blackwell.
Gratitude Circuit, S. B. Adams.
Braden Circuit, A. F. Hendrix.
Somerville District High School, H. J. Turner, Principal.
Missionary to Mexico, J. W. Grimes.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

A. R. Wilson, P. E.

First Church, David Leath.
East Jackson, G. W. Wilson.
West Jackson, J. M. Major.
Jackson Circuit, R. A. Umpstead.
Humboldt Station, G. K. Brooks, T. L. Beard, Sup.
Trenton Circuit, James Perry.
Brownsville Station, W. T. Harris.
Brownsville Circuit, G. H. Martin.
Denmark Circuit, W. F. Berrier.
Pinson Circuit, T. F. Sanders, E. L. Fisher, Sup.
Montezuma, B. F. Blackmon.
Henderson Station, J. H. Garrett.
Lavinia Circuit, Bryant Medlin.
Spring Creek, W. O. Lanier.
Memphis Conference Female Institute, A. W. Jones, President.
Wesleyan Female College, John Williams, President.
Jackson District High School, B. F. Blackmon, Principal.
Missionary to Mexico, W. M. Patterson.

DYERSBURG DISTRICT.

E. E. Hamilton, P. E.

Dyersburg Station, J. H. Collins.
Dyersburg Circuit, W. T. C. Young.
Newbern, S. B. Love.
Kenton, O. P. Parker.
Rutherford, B. F. Peeples.
Trenton Station, Guilford Jones.

Alamo and Bell's, J. D. Bush.
 Alamo Circuit, John Randle.
 Friendship Circuit, T. J. Simmons.
 Woodville Circuit, C. J. Mauldin.
 Ripley and Durhamville, T. G. Whitten.
 Ripley Circuit, J. M. Maxwell.
 Hale's Point Mission, R. S. Harris.

UNION CITY DISTRICT.

N. P. Ramsey, P. E.

Union City Station, G. T. Sullivan, J. E. Beck,
 Sup.
 Hickman Station, R. M. King.
 Hickman Circuit, J. T. C. Collins.
 Tiptonville Circuit, J. B. Currie, C. D. Davis,
 Sup.
 Troy Circuit, B. B. Risenhoover.
 Centre Circuit, R. E. Graves, M. D. Robinson,
 Sup.
 Sharon Circuit, J. W. Waters.
 Martin Circuit, F. Bynum.
 Walnut Grove Circuit, J. G. Pirtle.
 Fulton Station, O. B. Whitten.
 Fulton Circuit, S. Weaver.
 Dresden Station, W. D. Jenkins.
 Cottage Grove Circuit, R. B. Swift.
 Boydsville Circuit, W. H. Evans.
 Pisgah Mission, to be supplied (by J. C. Poy-
 ner).
 Dresden High School, E. T. Hart, Principal.
 Union City District High School, R. W. Er-
 win, Principal.

PADUCAH DISTRICT.

J. M. Spence, P. E.

Paducah Station, J. M. Scott.
 Paducah Circuit, C. D. Hilliard.
 Hinkleville Circuit, W. S. Malone.
 Milburn Circuit, R. L. West.
 Columbus Station, W. C. Sellars.
 Clinton Station, E. H. Stewart.
 Clinton Circuit, J. J. Smith.
 Wingo Circuit, W. A. Frost.
 Mayfield Station, W. G. Heffley.
 Wadesboro Circuit, Joseph Edwards.
 Murray and Benton, J. H. Hardin.
 Benton Circuit, H. C. Gamble.
 Birmingham Circuit, D. M. Evans.
 Briensburg Circuit, G. W. Evans.
 Wickliff Mission, to be supplied (by J. L.
 Howle).

Paducah District High School, L. R. Martin,
 Principal.

PARIS DISTRICT.

B. A. Hayes, P. E.

Paris Station, J. H. Roberts.
 Paris Circuit, J. T. Wiggins.
 Huntingdon Circuit, T. J. McGill.
 McKenzie Station, W. H. Armstrong.
 Gleason Circuit, J. H. Witt.
 Spring Hill Circuit, J. B. Sears.
 Bradford Circuit, F. B. Davis.
 Trezevant Circuit, A. N. Sears, T. C. Ellis,
 Sup.
 Milan Station, M. M. Taylor.
 Milan Mission, to be supplied (by John Jones).
 Murray Circuit, W. H. Blalock.
 Paris Landing, to be supplied.
 Big Sandy Circuit, J. R. Bell.
 Camden Circuit, J. H. Johnston, D. M. K.
 Collins, Sup.
 McKenzie College, E. D. Chappell, Principal;
 H. M. Sears, Agent.

BOLIVAR DISTRICT.

W. H. Leigh, P. E.

Bolivar Station, R. N. Freeman.
 Bolivar Mission, D. A. Ross.
 Grand Junction Circuit, R. Hill, D. C. Wells,
 Sup.
 Pocahontas Mission, E. B. Graham.
 Hamburg Circuit, J. A. Russell.
 Purdy Circuit, J. D. Sullivan.
 Adamsville, W. B. Matthews.
 Saltillo Circuit, D. I. Hines.
 Decaturville Circuit, T. P. Ramsey.
 Scott's Hill Mission, J. G. Burkes.
 Lexington Station, W. T. Lock.
 Lexington Circuit, R. S. Swift.
 Mifflin Circuit, G. T. Peeples.

J. W. Poston transferred to North Missis-
 sippi Conference.

R. R. Melson and William Hay transferred
 to North Texas Conference.

W. A. Freeman transferred to Denver Con-
 ference.

J. S. Collins transferred to Tennessee Con-
 ference.

Z. W. Richardson transferred to White
 River Conference.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BROOKHAVEN, MISS., December 14-19, 1881.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; C. G. ANDREWS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. Wilson Brown, Thomas W. Adams, James Healey, Robert F. Witt, D. Fernando Guice, Martin A. Bell. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? E. F. Edgar, L. S. Jones, A. D. Miller, W. R. Sims. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? C. W. Barrier, H. Bradford. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, M. C. Callaway, J. W. Chambers, J. J. Lovett. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? W. G. Millaps. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? C. W. Barrier from the Texas Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? B. F. Jones, T. C. Bradford, R. T. Davis, G. W. Brown, R. F. Flowers, I. D. Wall, I. L. Peebles. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, J. J. Lovett. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, J. J. Lovett, I. D. Wall, M. C. Callaway, E. F. Edgar. 6.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? M. J. Miller, W. R. Sims, D. F. Guice, R. S. Gale, J. W. Hall. 5.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? M. J. Miller, W. R. Price, D. F. Guice, R. S. Gale, J. M. Weems, J. W. Chambers, D. W. McLean. 7.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? C. A. Powell, W. W. Simmons, J. S. Calhoun. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. A. Powell, W. W. Simmons, J. S. Calhoun, J. P. Drake, I. W. Cooper, B. S. Rayner. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? J. H. Muse. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? J. H. Muse, Alex. Scarborough. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? J. P. Dancer. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? G. T. Vickers, R. Abbey, A. M. Barrington. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. G. Jones, W. Spillman, L. Pearce, E. R. Strick-

land, D. W. Dillehay, J. N. Williams, E. A. Flowers, J. Nicholson, W. E. M. Linfield. 9.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? William H. Watkins, James J. Smylic. 2.

WILLIAM H. WATKINS was descended from very worthy and upright ancestors, some of whom were pious and prominent members of the Baptist Church. He was the son of Asa Watkins and Sarah (*née*) McDonald, and was born in Jefferson County, Miss., April 11, 1815, where he grew up to manhood. In early youth he was brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, at a camp-meeting held near the residence of his parents. He promptly united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cane Ridge, and soon became an active and useful member by taking part in all of the social meetings of the Church. In the midst of his early religious enjoyment, and growing zeal to bring others into the household of faith, he was overwhelmed with the conviction that he was called of God to preach the gospel. This was for a short time a very embarrassing subject to his youthful mind, on account of his limited literary and theological attainments; but such was his conviction of duty that he soon consented to receive license as a local preacher, intending to pursue his studies at home until he should feel qualified to enter the regular pastoral work. He was doing well as a local preacher when the death of a young minister whom he dearly loved aroused him to feel the importance of giving himself at once wholly to the work of the ministry. He immediately obtained the requisite recommendation from the Quarterly Conference, and was admitted into the Mississippi Conference in November, 1835, and for the following year was the junior of J. I. E. Byrd, on Madison Circuit. Here he soon began to show those noble qualities of head and heart which made him so conspicuous in all the relations of his holy office during all his after-life. We do not propose to occupy space with dry statistics by following him through his various pastoral charges. It will suffice to say that he soon rose to an elevated position in the ministry, and filled every office in the itinerancy below that of Bishop. He traveled circuits, presided on large districts, preached to the colored

people, was stationed near ten years in the various Churches in New Orleans, and was often stationed in the larger cities in South-western Mississippi. He was a member of the Louisville Convention which met in 1845, and was several times one of our representatives in the General Conference, and in the absence of a Bishop was several times elected to preside in our Annual Conference. He was a diligent and successful student to the close of life in all that sort of literature which would add to his influence and usefulness as a minister of the gospel of the grace of God. He paid considerable attention to the study of the classics, and was very much devoted to Biblical criticism. His style of preaching was expository; his ideas clear, and clothed with appropriate language. In person, he was more than ordinarily graceful; his gestures were calm and impressive, his voice clear and manly, and his sermons so logically constructed as to be easily understood and remembered by his hearers. He took an active part in all the interests of the Church, but was conspicuous as the patron of a Christian education. At one time he was President of Centenary College, and unknown to himself, until the fact was announced to him officially, the Trustees and Faculty, in view of his high literary and theological attainments, conferred on him the merited degree of Doctor of Divinity, he having been the first native Mississippian that ever received that honor. We wish now, in conclusion, to present his character on the whole as worthy the imitation of all ministers, especially the young. He was a model gentleman everywhere, and at all times, in his manners and social qualities, so that he commanded the respect and esteem of the most intelligent and refined classes of society. As a minister, there was nothing austere or repulsive about him; and while he never seemed to forget for a moment the proper dignity and sobriety of a minister of Christ, such was his affability that he was a general favorite with all who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance. As a Methodist itinerant preacher his example was somewhere near perfection. From the day that he dedicated his life to the work of the ministry he never turned aside to engage in any other calling, but through the whole length of his forty-five years of itinerant life he was on the effective roll, ever ready and willing to do the work assigned him by those in authority. While filling his last pastoral charge in the capital of our State, with great acceptability and usefulness, his health perceptibly declined, and he began submissively, gracefully, and full of spiritual comfort, to descend to the tomb. His conversation during his long confinement was in heaven and of heaven. We will only give one remark as an example of many others of a similar character. He said on one occasion that the spiritual world was as much a reality to the eyes of his faith as the natural world was to his bodily eyes. His faith was the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. He was mar-

ried in New Orleans in 1842. His wife survives him with a large family of highly-educated and accomplished sons and daughters, all grown, and usefully engaged in the honorable vocations of life, and all, we believe, members of the Church of their sainted father. In full assurance of everlasting life, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus, Feb. 5, 1881, well advanced in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His remains were taken to the place of his nativity, and of his spiritual birth, in Jefferson County, and buried near his favorite old Cane Ridge. The circumstances attendant on the removal of his body, and its interment near his old home, reminded one forcibly of the funeral-procession and burial of the patriarch Jacob.

JAMES J. SMYLIE, at the last session of the Conference, and, indeed, up to the very time he was stricken, looked the picture of health. Buoyant and hopeful, ruddy and robust, sanguine and full of busy planning, his appearance, his conversation, his actions, suggested living, and only living—active, honorable, useful living. But alas for us! the news came that on the first day of this year, while in pleasant conversation with his friends, he was seized with apoplexy, reclined his head upon his hand, and passed into unconsciousness with only a momentary pain. It is hard for us to realize, and distressing because so unexpected; yet this surely was the most desirable way for a Christian soldier to die—with armor on, with eye undimmed, and with natural force unabated. James J. Smylie was born in Copiah County, Miss., Oct. 9, 1829. His ancestors were Presbyterians for several generations, and the family have furnished to the Presbyterian Church several eminent divines. His father was also a Presbyterian, but when he settled in Copiah County there was no Presbyterian Church near him, and he joined the Methodist Church for the time being. His house was open to the preachers, and it was thus that his son James received an early fondness for the Methodist Church, which in his youth he joined. At first he was very devoted to religion, and felt distinctly a call to preach; but, ambitious for success in another field, he resisted the call, grew cold, withdrew from the Church, and sought good only in the world. God's method with the majority of those who disobey the voice of duty is to withdraw his favor and send punishment, but it was not so with our brother, at least for many years. Pleasure and prosperity attended him in his young manhood. Oct. 24, 1854, he was married to Miss Sallie E. Stovall, an accomplished and gifted young lady, who proved to him all that a wife could be. They had a delightful home, surrounded with comforts and conveniences. They were possessed of a handsome estate. Brother Smylie's educational advantages and continued familiarity with all topics of profit and interest brought his services often in demand. Though, perhaps, he never formally entered upon the practice of

the law, yet his familiarity with the theory, as well as the practice, made him a standing referee and counselor of his neighbors. He mingled successfully in politics, and served his adopted county (Hinds) in the Legislature with benefit to her interests, and with the approval of his fellow-citizens. When his native South demanded his services in her struggle for independence, he cheerfully gave them; and on the tented field and in diplomatic circles he faithfully bore his part. His fortune being much impaired by the war, he resorted to school-teaching, for which he ever had a fondness, and for which he seemed to have a natural talent. Though he was never graduated academically, yet his training at Centenary, of Louisiana, and afterward at Oxford, of Mississippi, made him conversant with almost the entire collegiate course. But over and above this, he had a peculiar gift in imparting knowledge, and in simplifying truth, that stamped him a born school-teacher. While engaged in teaching a large and flourishing male school, in Brookhaven, Miss., two of his children died suddenly, and in quick succession. He had a tender heart, and was a fond father. This stroke of Providence ruthlessly exposed the evanescent character of all earthly good. In his extremity he turned to the God of his father, the God of his own youth, and found pardon and consolation. Along with his return to God came again the call to preach; this time it was heeded, and in December, 1871, he was admitted into the Mississippi Conference, from which he had just received his tenth consecutive appointment to the care of souls only a few weeks before he was appointed to a higher sphere. It was a matter of unceasing and heart-felt regret that he had not devoted the vigor of his youth and the freshness of his intellect to the service of his God. He said that he should do his best to repair the error; he should "study to show himself approved unto God," but that he felt so painfully the lack of those qualifications for the glorious work for which only early training could have qualified him. His testimony was, that in the midst of all his other pursuits, during the many years, even when attaining success and honor, there would come a feeling of emptiness and dissatisfaction, and the conviction that truer joy, more real success, and higher honor, lay in another sphere. Then, when acknowledging and obeying the call, he entered his Master's vineyard, he realized that this was his life-work, that all his other efforts had been mere vagaries, that now a conscience serene through faith in God shed a halo over daily experience, and toil and self-denial were cheerfully borne from the conviction that compensation was made sure by this promise: "They that are wise shall shine with the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Brother Smylic took position in the Conference as soon as he joined, and was gaining continuously in the estimation of the ministry and the Church. Being a man

of varied attainments and thorough knowledge, and, withal, of an earnest consecration, he was fitted for any work in and out of the Conference. One thing he felt keenly—viz., his inability to preach satisfactorily to himself without a manuscript; and this was stranger and sadder to him because in the debating society and on the hustings he had always been a fluent off-hand speaker. There seemed to be that want of confidence in himself which grew either out of his early neglect of the ministry, or in his very high regard for the sanctity of the place, that made him afraid to adventure into that method which he believed to be the most eloquent and the most powerful of pulpit utterances—the true *extempore*. But he hoped to come to it, and doubtless he would had he lived. He leaves a wife and six children; to them his loss is irreparable. His genial good nature makes his brethren to mourn sincerely his death. His consecration to the ministry, his sermons steadily growing in breadth and power, make the Church poorer, because his voice is no more to be heard.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Woodville District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr. s.
Woodville Station.....	92	.....
Wilkinson.....	254	1
Jackson (La.) Station.....	192	11
Winans.....	173	.....
Clinton (La.) Station.....	142	.....
Pipkins and Port Hudson.....	115	.....
East Feliciana.....	350	1
Bayou Sara and Mission.....	113	.....
East Baton Rouge.....	243	.....
Livingston Mission.....	185	.....
St. Helena.....	558	1
Covington.....	.....	.....
Amite.....	300	2
North Wilkinson.....	300	2
Amite City.....	137	3
Franklinton and Mission.....	203	.....
	3357	21

Sea Shore District.

Moss Point.....	91	.....
Ocean Springs.....	75	.....
West Pascagoula.....	268	7
East Pascagoula.....	335	1
Whittington.....	172	3
Handsboro and Mission.....	80	.....
Biloxi and Mission.....	43	1
Pearlington.....	137	.....
	1201	12

Williamsburg District.

Mount Carmel.....	308	2
China Grove.....	364	.....
Spring Cottage Mission.....	155	.....
Enon.....	234	.....
Bethel.....	257	8
Westville.....	302	.....
Williamsburg and Mission.....	69	.....
Red Creek Mission.....	7	.....
Chickasaha.....	178	.....
	1874	10

Brookhaven District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Brookhaven and Wesson.....	417	1
Beauregard.....	353	3
Hazlehurst.....	190	.....
Georgetown.....	226	1
Crystal Springs.....	235	3
Spring Ridge.....	220	.....
Bayou Pierre.....	320	2
Brandywine.....	453	2
Scotland.....	318	2
McComb City and Summit.....	180	3
Magnolia.....	309	1
Adams and Bogue Chitto.....	346	5
	3567	23

Jackson District.

Jackson Station.....	237	2
Madison.....	161	1
Hinds Mission.....	42	.....
Sharon.....	302	6
Benton and Midway.....	164	.....
Dover.....	187	1
Tranquil.....	248	2
Silver Creek.....	70	.....
Lodi.....	15	.....
Camden and Soule.....	100	.....
Thomastown.....	65	1
Yazoo City.....	126	.....
Edwards.....	221	.....
Raymond.....	130	.....
Canton Station.....	156	.....
	2224	13

Brandon District.

Brandon Station.....	124	.....
Fannin.....	368	1
Forest.....	242	.....
Newton.....	397	2
Walnut Grove.....	476	4
Carthage.....	274	.....
Trenton.....	426	3
Cato.....	502	1
Philadelphia.....	285	.....
Lake.....	195	1
Raleigh.....	437	1
Ludlow Mission.....	76	.....
Beech Springs.....	320	4
Marvin.....	409	3
Mount Hebron.....	100	2
	4631	22

Meridian District.

Meridian Station.....	257	1
Enterprise and Quitman.....	385	2
Enterprise Station.....	206	1
Paulding.....	556	1
Shubuta.....	379	1
Waynesboro.....	166	.....
Wayne.....	421	4
Winchester Mission.....	112	.....
Marion.....	328	2
De Kalb.....	365	4
Binnville.....	144	.....
Lauderdale.....	240	1
Linwood.....	328	2
Shady Grove Mission.....	353	3
	4234	22

Vicksburg District.

Vicksburg Station.....	308	1
Warren.....	220	.....
Clover Hill.....	40	.....
Rolling Fork.....	73	1
Mount Olivet.....	359	6
Vickland and Sunflower Mission.....	.....	.....
Rocky Springs.....	245	1
Cayuga.....	258	3
Port Gibson.....	103	.....
Payette.....	435	6
Martin.....	5	.....
Kingston.....	127	1
Natchez.....	208	.....
Meadville.....	367	2
	2748	21

Recapitulation.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Woodville District.....	3357	21
Sea Shore ".....	1201	12
Williamsburg ".....	1874	10
Brookhaven ".....	3567	23
Jackson ".....	2224	13
Brandon ".....	4631	22
Meridian ".....	4234	22
Vicksburg ".....	2748	21
Total this year.....	23,836	144

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 999.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 702.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 284.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1411.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 9827.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,169 15. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$2,862 30; Domestic Missions, \$1,725. Total, \$4,587 30.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Crystal Springs, Miss.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

D. A. Little, P. E.

Woodville Station, B. Jones.
Wilkinson, T. W. Brown.
North Wilkinson, J. W. Chambers.
Amite, E. F. Edgar.
Clinton, C. A. Powell.
East Feliciana, J. S. Parker.
Bayou Sara and Mission, R. T. Davis.
East Baton Rouge, C. D. Cecil.
St. Helena, I. W. Cooper.
Amite City, I. B. Robertson.
Livingston Mission, J. W. Brown.
Jackson Station, C. G. Andrews.
Pipkin's Chapel and Port Hudson, D. M. Rush.
Ponchatoula, R. F. Flowers.
Centenary College, C. G. Andrews, President;
D. M. Rush, Professor.

SEA SHORE DISTRICT.

T. S. West, P. E.

Moss Point, J. M. Weems.
East Pascagoula, C. W. Calhoun.
West Pascagoula, J. H. Holland.
Ocean Springs, R. B. Downer.
Whittington, C. F. Gillespie.
Handsboro, Thomas Price.
Pearlington, J. W. Sandell.
Franklinton Mission, Joseph Nicholson.
Covington, J. J. Lovett, G. T. Vickers, Sup.

China Grove, G. M. Gilmore.
 Mount Carmel, B. F. Rayner.
 Westville, M. A. Bell.
 Enon, L. Carley.
 Bethel, L. J. Jones.
 Spring Cottage Mission, D. F. Guice.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

J. A. B. Jones, P. E.

Brookhaven Station, J. W. McLaurin.
 Hazlehurst, W. G. Millsaps.
 Wesson and Beauregard, W. W. Hopper, A.
 M. Barrington, Sup.
 Crystal Springs, W. B. Lewis.
 Spring Ridge, M. C. Callaway.
 Terry, J. L. Forsythe.
 Providence, A. B. Nicholson.
 Fair River Mission, to be supplied (by R. C.
 Bethea).
 Brandywine, N. B. Young.
 Bayou Pierre, J. D. Hayes.
 Scotland, B. F. Jones.
 Adams and Bogue Chitto, H. P. Lewis.
 Summit, W. B. Hines.
 McComb City and Magnolia, J. T. Nicholson.
 Whitworth Female College, H. F. Johnson,
 President.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

W. L. C. Hunnicutt, P. E.

Jackson Station, C. B. Galloway.
 Madison, P. A. Johnson.
 Hinds Mission, John Lusk.
 Sharon, H. R. Caldwell.
 Benton and Midway, R. Bradley.
 Dover, D. A. Givens.
 Tranquil, T. W. Adams.
 Silver Creek, J. M. Pugh.
 Camden and Soule Chapel, W. P. Andrews.
 Yazoo City, T. B. Hollman, R. Abbey, Sup.
 Edwards, E. H. Mounger.
 Raymond, J. P. Drake.
 Canton, H. R. Singleton.
 Missionary to China, J. W. Lambuth.

BRANDON DISTRICT.

J. M. Gann, P. E.

Brandon Station, W. R. Sims.
 Fannin, A. D. Miller.
 Marvin, N. M. Clark.
 Cato, J. H. Evans.
 Trenton, C. McDonald.
 Raleigh, R. A. Sibley.

Lake, I. L. Peebles.
 Walnut Grove, J. W. Ellison.
 Carthage, L. P. Meador.
 Newton, G. Bancroft.
 Forest, G. F. Thompson.
 Buck Springs Mission, J. A. Vance.
 Philadelphia Mission, James Healey.
 Ludlow Mission, to be supplied (by M. J.
 Miller).
 Decatur Mission, to be supplied (by T. J.
 Miller).

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

J. A. Godfrey, P. E.

Meridian Station, R. D. Norsworthy.
 Enterprise and Quitman, J. T. Heard.
 Enterprise Circuit, T. Y. Armstrong.
 Paulding, J. A. Ellis.
 Shubuta, W. D. Dominick.
 Waynesboro, F. M. Williams.
 De Soto, J. C. Brogan.
 Winchester, W. W. Cammack.
 Marion, J. W. Harmon.
 Lauderdale, D. C. Langford.
 De Kalb, D. G. W. Ellis.
 Linwood, L. S. Jones.
 Long Creek Mission, R. F. Witt.
 Chickasaha Mission, D. Merchant.
 East Mississippi Female College, J. W. Ad-
 kisson, President; R. J. Jones, Professor.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

R. S. Woodward, P. E.

Vicksburg Station, B. Carradine.
 Warren, W. W. Hurst.
 Clover Hill, A. B. Stewart.
 Rolling Fork, J. H. Shelton.
 Mount Olivet, P. Howard.
 Rocky Springs, W. W. Simmons.
 Cayuga, J. S. Calhoun.
 Port Gibson, W. E. Ballard.
 Fayette, D. P. Bradford.
 Kingston, I. D. Wall.
 Natchez, W. C. Black.
 Meadville, G. W. Brown.
 Port Gibson Collegiate Academy, T. C. Brad-
 ford, President.

W. H. Leith transferred to Holston Con-
 ference.

H. M. DuBose transferred to Texas Confer-
 ence.

B. T. Pearson transferred to North Missis-
 sippi Conference.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT MOBERLY, Mo., September 14-19, 1881.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; JOHN D. VINCIL, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. George W. Quinby, James L. Gilbert, Ward C. Maggard, Peter St. Clair, William O. Medley, Charles W. Watts. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? John B. Creighton, John W. Owen, Clark D. Davis, John N. B. Hepler, Thomas M. Patterson. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Joseph Rowe, F. H. Sumpter. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Henry M. Myers. 1.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Luther Pulliam, Alex. S. Doak, John Anderson, David R. Shackelford, Jacob McEwen, Joseph Dines. 6.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? H. A. M. Henderson, Thomas H. Swearingen. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Willis G. Shackelford, Stephen B. Tabor, Joseph T. McDonald, Jacob A. Snarr, John D. Shook, James W. Keithly, Richard F. Beavers, Henry C. Bolen, B. H. Tripp, Philip G. Nichols. 10.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? H. M. Myers, John W. Owen. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Henry M. Myers, John W. Owen. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? William J. Wagoner. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Lacey Sipple, Henry B. Doak, W. J. Wagoner. 3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John Holland, Joseph S. Allen, Joseph W. Jordan. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? John Holland, Joseph S. Allen, Joseph W. Jordan. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Jacob Wattenberger, McKenzie B. Broadus, John B. Harmon. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Jacob Wattenberger, McKenzie B. Broadus, J. B. Harmon, John Anderson. 4.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? James W. Bain, John D. Houston, R. E. Gamble. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. F. Monroe, W. M. Wainright, J. O. Swinney, S. L. Woody. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Cyrus Doggett, T. J. Starr, Thomas Hurst, Daniel

Penney, George Fentim, R. G. Loving, Jesse Sutton, Jesse Faubion, Charles W. Collett, Daniel T. Shuman. 10.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Tyson Dines, Robert N. T. Holliday, Columbus Cleaveland, Armistead Early, Samuel D. Barnett, W. T. Conwell. 6.

TYSON DINES was born in Dorchester County, Md., in the year 1811. At Ennal's Camp-ground, at the age of twenty-two, he was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. At twenty-seven years of age he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Dorchester Circuit. The following year—1838—he was employed on the Northampton Circuit, Philadelphia Conference, by the Rev. Levi Scott, the then presiding elder. Removing to Missouri in the spring of 1839, he was employed by the Rev. A. Monroe as junior preacher on the Shelbyville Circuit, and at the session of the Missouri Conference that fall he was admitted on trial. A year or two later, however, he discontinued, and returned to Virginia, where he married. In 1845 he settled permanently in Missouri, and from that time to the close of his life he was prominently identified with the work and history of the Missouri Conference. Among the preachers of his own Conference he held a place in the front rank. In the preparation of his sermons he sought truth rather than elegance, and the approbation of his Master rather than the applause of the people. He was not afraid to think; he had opinions upon all the current questions of his time, and being a man of studious, thoughtful habits, and of strong convictions, it was but natural that he should be very tenacious of his own opinions. In his pulpit ministrations he was earnest, guarded, and safe. He relied for results upon a lucid statement of the truth, rather than upon rhetorical devices. His Christian character was so well developed and so well known as to need no analysis here; all will remember him as a man of spotless life and unfaltering integrity, the material of which martyrs are made. He combined with a warm and generous nature a rich experience of divine things. In his last illness he talked much on religious topics, mostly with his physician, often alluding to his own religious experience. To his

physician he said: "I would like to be permitted to preach one more sermon on faith—I think I understand it better than ever before." On one occasion, when asked if he had been weeping, he replied, "Yes; but not because I'm sad—you know men sometimes weep for joy." During his illness his wife was oftentimes through the night awakened by his shouts of praise. Thus, on the 15th day of February, 1881, closed the long and useful life of this excellent man of God. From the fond and loving associations of earth he has gone to mingle with kindred spirits in the skies.

ROBERT N. T. HOLLIDAY was born at Paris, Tenn., November 23, 1831, and died at Carrollton, Mo., August 26, 1881, aged 49 years, 9 months, and 3 days. When he was three years old his father, Dr. Holliday, moved to St. Louis County, Mo.; thence to Waverly, Morgan County, Ill., where he practiced medicine. In May, 1849, Brother Holliday was converted, and on the 26th of April, 1853, was married to Miss Fannie Deatherage, of Waverly, Ill. In August, 1854, he was licensed to preach. In October, 1857, he was appointed to St. Charles, Mo., that being his first charge. Since that time he continued to preach every year but one, when he was driven out of the State by the war. During his ministry he received the following appointments: Maysville, one year; Stewartville, one; Rushville, three; Platte City, one; Shelbyville, one; Canton, three; Hydesburg, two; Millville, one; Richmond, two; Carrollton, one; Louisiana, one; St. Charles, four years. At the last Annual Conference he was sent to the Cottleville Circuit. During the last weeks of his illness those who visited him were forcibly reminded that "the chamber where the good man meets his fate is privileged beyond the common walks of virtuous life, quite on the verge of heaven." While his visiting ministerial brethren would read the Scriptures, sing and pray with him, he would become overwhelmed with the consciousness of the presence, and the power, and the glory of God. Frequently, filled with overflowing joy, he would clap his hands, saying, "Glory be to God in the highest! Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me praise his holy name." On one occasion, with face all aglow with celestial light, he looked upon the face of his weeping wife, and exclaimed, "O wife, this is good! this is glorious!" One morning, after a brother had read the Scriptures and prayed with him, he looked at him straight in the face, and said, "Brother Lewis, I want to bear my testimony to the fact that the grace of God does not fail me in this last conflict; that I am on a rock, a solid rock." He leaves behind him a sorrow-stricken wife and four children to mourn the loss of so good a husband and father. The blessing of God be upon them!

COLUMBUS CLEAVELAND was born April 1, 1851, and died at Trinidad, Colorado, Sunday, November 27, 1880, aged 29 years, 7 months,

and 26 days. Brother Cleaveland was converted in the winter of 1870; he was licensed to preach at Bedford, Mo., June 15, 1871. From June 15 till the ensuing Annual Conference he was a supply on the Mandeville Circuit. At the Conference at Mexico he was received on trial, in 1872. He received appointments in the following order: Jamesport Circuit, as junior preacher; Gallatin, Newcastle, Trenton (Trenton two years), Kirksville, Moberly, and Sue City. On the 7th of November, 1880, he started to Trinidad, Col., for the benefit of his health, and died at that place on the 27th of November, 1880. Brother Cleaveland was an earnest, true, and faithful Christian man. He loved the Master's work, and though he fell early in the conflict, he died in triumph, and now rests in his home in the skies. May the husband's God care for and bless the bereaved wife!

ARMISTEAD EARLY was born February 10, 1851, and died at Oxford, Worth County, Mo., July 17, 1881, aged 30 years, 5 months, and 7 days. In 1877 he was admitted on trial in the Missouri Conference, at Fulton, and was appointed to the Memphis Circuit as junior preacher with Brother W. J. Jackson. The next year he was appointed to the Maysville Circuit, and the next year to Milan Mission. His last appointment was to the Oxford Circuit. In August, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Capps, with whom he lived one year and four months, and who now mourns his loss. Brother Early was a good man. He bore evidence of deep piety. No one around Oxford, where he lived, either saint or sinner, doubted his piety or his religious integrity. He was much devoted to his work, and was very conscientious in trying to bring up the Church to the high standard of duty. Brother Early's preaching was scriptural and logical, but not elegant and attractive as some. His last sermon was from Romans i. 16: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," etc. He was not able to talk for two or three days before his death; before this he spoke of death and his readiness to meet it, if such an event should come. He said for many reasons he desired to "die and go to rest," but on account of the work of the Church, and for the sake of his wife, he preferred to live. He desired them to sing for him, which they did several times during his sickness. So passed away another of God's servants. In middle age, and young in the ministry, death has come and taken away our brother and co-laborer in the work of Christ. His body now sleeps beside that of Brother W. M. Wood, at Oxford, Worth County, Mo., where both fell at their post of duty, and are awaiting the resurrection morn, that will call up their sleeping dust to meet their spirits in the skies.

SAMUEL D. BARNETT, a member of the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died on the 14th day of April,

1881. Brother Barnett was an earnest worker. He endured hardness as a good soldier. He was faithful in the discharge of every duty, and died in great peace. He leaves a wife and two children.

W. T. CONWELL was born near Hazel Green, Morgan County, Ky., February 19, 1849, and died in Savannah, Mo., May 23, 1881. He came to Boone County, Mo., in 1870, and in the spring of 1874 was converted, and in the following fall was received on trial in the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On the 26th of November, in the same year, he was married to Miss Fannie Smith. In 1877 he was ordained deacon, and in 1879 was ordained elder. As a preacher, he had ability of high order. His mind was metaphysical, and his discourses were logical. As a Christian, he was modest and unassuming, yet settled and positive. A few days before he died he said, "I am going where I can learn more rapidly. I do not want you to grieve for me when I am gone." His dying-message to his aged father was, "Tell him I died in great peace." As he neared the gates of death, he uttered a shout of triumph, and passed into eternity. His funeral-sermon was preached by Brother C. I. Vandeventer, and his remains were buried in the cemetery at Savannah. He leaves a young wife to mourn his death. May our Heavenly Father by his power keep her from evil, and sustain her in her great affliction!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of F. G. Rose, who was expelled.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Chillicothe District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Chillicothe Station.....	180	.....	1
Chillicothe Circuit.....	270	.....	2
Bedford.....	170	.....	2
Mandeville.....	350	.....	4
Norborne.....	197	.....	.....
De Witt.....	288	.....	1
Carrollton Station.....	236	.....	2
Brunswick Station.....	135	.....	1
Keytesville.....	243	.....	.....
Westville Mission.....	281	.....	2
Bucklin.....	325	.....	5
Linneus.....	420	.....	3
Triplett.....	167	.....	1
Tinney's Point Mission.....	107	.....	1
	3374	.....	25

Gallatin District.

Gallatin Station.....	130	.....	1
Gallatin Circuit.....	229	.....	.....
Jamesport.....	409	.....	3
Albany and Stanberry.....	110	.....	1
Jameson.....	208	.....	.....
Gentryville.....	212	.....	2
Spring Hill.....	300	.....	.....
Oxford.....	164	.....	1
Lorraine.....	247	.....	3

Gallatin District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lineville.....	235	.....	2
Decatur.....	36	.....	.....
Breckinridge.....	144	.....	1
Princeton.....	148	.....	1
	2581	.....	15

St. Joseph District.

Francis Street.....	350	.....	1
Tenth Street.....	144	.....	1
Frederick Avenue.....	16	.....	.....
St. Joseph Circuit.....	219	.....	.....
Forest City.....	144	.....	1
Craig.....	127	.....	.....
Hamburg.....	142	.....	4
Maryville.....	200	.....	.....
Lamar.....	282	.....	2
Savannah.....	165	.....	3
De Kalb.....	203	.....	2
Gower.....	265	.....	1
Fillmore.....	92	.....	.....
	2409	.....	15

Plattsburg District.

Plattsburg Station.....	219	1	1
Osborn.....	223	.....	1
Parkville.....	225	.....	1
Platte City.....	150	.....	.....
Weston.....	114	.....	.....
Liberty.....	191	.....	.....
Camden.....	144	.....	.....
Richmond Station.....	137	.....	.....
Millville.....	465	.....	4
Maysville.....	260	.....	3
Kingston.....	337	.....	.....
Gosneyville.....	318	.....	1
Lawson.....	207	.....	.....
	2990	1	11

Fayette District.

Fayette Station.....	196	.....	7
Franklin.....	317	.....	2
Glasgow Station.....	178	.....	1
Salisbury.....	464	.....	1
Sturgeon.....	383	.....	1
Renick.....	217	.....	1
Ashland.....	324	.....	2
Columbia.....	150	.....	.....
New Prospect Mission.....	183	.....	3
Rochepoint.....	355	.....	1
Huntsville.....	245	.....	3
Roanoke.....	299	.....	.....
	3302	.....	22

Mexico District.

Mexico Station.....	214	.....	.....
Mexico Circuit.....	280	.....	1
Fulton Station.....	130	.....	.....
Fulton Circuit.....	413	.....	1
Pleasant Grove.....	208	.....	2
Cedar City.....	199	.....	.....
Readville.....	500	.....	.....
New Florence.....	380	.....	1
Montgomery City.....	271	.....	.....
Santa Fe.....	205	.....	1
Madison.....	269	.....	2
Vandalia.....	160	.....	.....
	3029	.....	8

St. Charles District.

St. Charles.....	112	.....	.....
Cottleville.....	150	.....	.....
Wentzville.....	235	.....	1
Mechanicsville.....	120	.....	.....
Warrenton and Wright City.....	206	.....	2
Jonesburg.....	218	.....	.....
Troy.....	203	.....	2
Bowling Green.....	167	.....	1
Louisiana.....	145	.....	.....

St. Charles District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr s.
Clarksville.....	402	.....	1
Auburn.....	352	.....	4
Frankford.....	195	.....	2
	2505	2	11

Macon District.

Macon Station.....	131
Bloomington.....	320	.....	4
Kirksville.....	197	.....	1
Queen City.....	185	.....	.....
Memphis.....	285	.....	.....
Edina.....	305	.....	2
Sue City.....	205	.....	4
Clarence.....	394	.....	1
Shelbina.....	415	.....	1
Paris.....	234	.....	.....
Moberly Station.....	140	.....	.....
Milan Mission.....	134	.....	6
Lindly Mission.....	260	.....	2
Cairo Mission.....	410	.....	3
	3615	.....	24

Hannibal District.

Fifth Street.....	218	.....	1
Arch Street.....	70	.....	.....
Hydesburg.....	137	.....	1
Mount Olivet.....	322	.....	1
Palmyra Station.....	207	.....	.....
Monroe City.....	420	.....	1
Shelbyville.....	433	.....	2
Monticello.....	256	.....	.....
Hunnellwell.....	289	.....	.....
Kahoka.....	155	.....	1
Colony.....	380	.....	3
La Belle.....	304	.....	1
Canton.....	150	.....	1
	3341	.....	12

Recapitulation.

Chillicothe District.....	3374	.....	25
Gallatin ".....	2581	.....	15
St. Joseph ".....	2409	.....	15
Plattsburg ".....	2990	1	11
Fayette ".....	3302	.....	22
Mexico ".....	3029	.....	8
St. Charles ".....	2505	2	11
Macon ".....	3615	.....	24
Hannibal ".....	3341	.....	12
Total this year.....	27,146	3	143

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 422.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 987.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 274.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2055.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 14,042.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,609 23. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$4,604 50; Domestic Missions, \$2,565 89. Total, \$7,170 39.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Plattsburg, Mo.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ST. CHARLES DISTRICT.

W. W. McMurry, P. E.

St. Charles, J. Y. Blakey.
Cottleville, L. Pulliam.
Wentzville, L. F. Linn.
Mechanicsville, R. F. Beavers.
Warrenton and Wright City, J. T. McDonald.
Jonesburg, John Holland.
Troy, J. N. B. Hepler.
Bowling Green, A. W. Smith, P. G. Nichols.
Louisiana, J. H. Ledbetter.
Clarksville, J. M. O'Bryan.
Auburn, A. L. Brewer.
Frankford, C. Babcock.

MEXICO DISTRICT.

W. W. Jones, P. E.

Mexico Station, T. J. Gooch.
Mexico Circuit, William M. Sutton.
Fulton, J. S. Allen.
Fulton Circuit, J. R. Taylor.
Pleasant Grove, G. W. Penn.
Cedar City, to be supplied.
Readsville, G. W. Rich.
New Florence, P. St. Clair.
Montgomery, H. Kay.
Wellsville, G. M. Edwards.
Santa Fe, L. Baldwin.
Madison, W. G. Shackelford.

FAYETTE DISTRICT.

B. H. Spencer, P. E.

Fayette Station, W. Penn, S. L. Woody, Sup.
Franklin Circuit, W. Warren.
Glasgow, A. Mizell, J. O. Swinnèy, Sup.
Salisbury, H. P. Bond.
Sturgeon, R. White.
Renick, A. Spencer.
Ashland, H. D. Groves.
Columbia, H. B. Watson.
New Prospect Mission, J. B. Creighton.
Rocheport, W. M. Rush.
Huntsville, W. T. Ellington.
Roanoke, W. F. Bell.
Central College, E. R. Hendrix, President.
Pritchett Institute, J. H. Pritchett, President.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.

M. R. Jones, P. E.

Plattsburg, M. B. Chapman.
Osborn, W. A. Hanna.
Parkville, R. P. Jones.
Platte City, T. H. Swearingen.
Weston, to be supplied.
Liberty and Missouri City, W. B. Johnsey.
Camden, H. A. Davis.
Richmond, C. Grimes.
Millville, J. L. Meffert.
Maysville, H. T. Leeper.
Kingston, J. McEwen.
Gosneyville, R. W. Hawerton.
Lawson and Lathrop, D. C. O'Howell.
Easton Mission, W. Barnett.

CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.

R. A. Austin, P. E.

Chillicothe, T. Penn.
 Chillicothe Circuit, H. H. Craig.
 Bedford, E. Carlyle.
 Mandeville, M. G. Gregory.
 Norborne, J. F. Shores.
 De Witt, J. L. Gilbert.
 Carrollton, W. H. Lewis.
 Brunswick, G. J. Warren.
 Keytesville, R. H. G. Keeran.
 Westville Mission, J. S. Cox.
 Bucklin, A. S. Doak.
 Linneus, G. Tanquary.
 Triplett, A. T. Lewis.
 Tinney's Point Mission, W. C. Maggart.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.

C. J. Vandeverter, P. E.

Francis Street, E. K. Miller.
 Tenth Street, J. Anderson.
 City Mission, to be supplied.
 St. Joseph Circuit, D. F. Bone.
 Forest City, C. D. Davis.
 Craig, L. A. Smith.
 Hamburg, T. R. Hedgpath.
 Maryville and Burlington, H. C. Bolen.
 Barnard, S. H. Milam.
 Savannah, J. Bird.
 Lamar, A. Falconer.
 De Kalb, C. W. Watts.
 Gower, J. A. Hyder.
 Missionary to China, A. P. Parker.

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

S. W. Cope, P. E.

Gallatin Station, J. A. Beagle
 Gallatin Circuit, B. H. Tripp.
 Jamesport, D. H. Root.
 Albany, R. H. Cooper.
 Jameson, S. W. Atterberry.
 Gentryville, W. Sartor.
 Spring Hill, B. H. Stillwell.
 Oxford, to be supplied (by G. W. Browning).
 Lorraine, S. S. Hardin.

Lineville, J. W. Keithley.
 Decatur City, to be supplied (by D. M. Creighton).
 Breekinridge, C. W. Hurley.
 Princeton, S. B. Tabor.
 Stanbury Mission, to be supplied.

MACON DISTRICT.

B. F. Johnson, P. E.

Macon Station, J. A. Mumpower.
 Bloomington, D. R. Shackelford.
 Kirksville, A. V. Bailey.
 Queen City, W. O. Medley.
 Memphis, J. A. Snarr.
 Edina, J. O. Edmonston.
 Sue City, L. Rush.
 Clarence, J. W. Jordan.
 Shelbina, W. A. Tarwater.
 Paris, W. E. Doekery.
 Cairo, C. W. Quinby.
 Moberly, W. J. Jackson.
 Milan Mission, J. W. Owen.
 Browning Mission, J. S. Rooker.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT.

J. P. Nolan, P. E.

Fifth Street, H. A. M. Henderson.
 Arch Street, H. M. Myers.
 Hydesburg, H. W. James.
 Mount Olive, J. Penn.
 Palmyra, M. M. Hawkins.
 Monroe City, A. P. Linn.
 Shelbyville, W. Toole.
 Monticello, J. C. Carney.
 Hunnewell, J. S. Todd.
 Kahoka, T. M. Patterson.
 Colony, W. B. Beagle.
 La Belle, T. R. Kendall.
 Canton, J. D. Shook.

J. T. Smith transferred to Western Conference.

J. R. A. Vaughan and D. L. Rader transferred to Denver Conference.

Joseph Dines transferred to St. Louis Conference.

MONTANA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HELENA, MONT., *October 14-17, 1881.*

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; EDWIN J. STANLEY, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. John B. Whitford, Joseph L. Andrews. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? None.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? None.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John B. Whitford. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John B. Whitford. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Thos. W. Flowers. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? None.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Charges.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Helena and Fairview.....	64	.....
Deer Lodge.....	4	.....
Missouli.....	49	.....
Boulder and Butte.....	35	1
Sun River and Fort Benton.....	.....	.....
Bozeman.....	22	2
Willow Creek.....	24	.....
Centreville and Radersburg.....	31	.....
Yellowstone Valley.....	.....	.....
Virginia City.....	.....	.....
Total this year	229	3

[The foregoing report is incomplete from two charges. If we could have gotten full reports it is believed they would show an increase.—SECRETARY.]

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 10.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 5.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 19.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 119.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$100.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected \$2. In hands of Joint Board of Finance.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$75; Domestic Missions, \$60. Total, \$135.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Butte City, Mont.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

HELENA DISTRICT.

R. S. Clark, P. E.

Helena Station, to be supplied (by S. J. Hufaker).

Helena Circuit, to be supplied (by H. W. Currin).

Butte and Deer Lodge, John B. Whitford.

Stevensville, E. J. Stanley, T. W. Flowers, Sup.

BOZEMAN DISTRICT.

L. B. Stateler, P. E.

Bozeman Circuit, R. M. Craven.

Willow Creek Circuit, J. L. Andrew.

Centreville, to be supplied.

Virginia City, to be supplied.

Yellowstone Valley, to be supplied.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE

HELD AT HUNTSVILLE, ALA., November 23-27, 1881.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; JOHN A. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. R. W. Anderson, Henry S. Matthews, Hiram G. Davis, David A. Burns, S. P. West, Samson H. Williams, Joseph B. Gregory. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? R. A. Speer, Fernando K. Hewlett, Joseph Williams, Theodore B. McCain, Paul T. McWhorter, Olin

W. Samples, James W. Spencer, L. M. Powell, Charles W. Jacobs. 9.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? J. S. Blair, J. W. West, at his own request. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? T. W. Hayes, Amos S. Whitehurst, John T. Coleman, James H. Leslie, Thomas K. Tierce, Robert A. Thompson, George F.

Boyd, Thomas F. Davis, George L. Hewitt, Joseph J. Crow. 10.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Robert T. Bentley, James S. Glasgow. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? M. K. Clements, W. J. Canteberry, A. N. Loomis. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Thomas W. Hayes, Amos S. Whitehurst, Thomas K. Tierce, Robert A. Thompson, Thomas F. Davis, Joseph C. Crow, George L. Hewitt. 7.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? T. W. Hayes, A. S. Whitehurst, T. K. Tierce, Robert A. Thompson, G. L. Hewitt, Joseph J. Crow, T. F. Davis. 7.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John W. Callahan. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John W. Callahan, William B. Bayless, John F. Clark, J. F. Jones. 4.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Wilson McD. Howell, Robert N. Ledbetter, James H. Cameron, C. C. O'Neal, Robert F. Mountain, Robert F. Winston. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? W. McD. Howell, Robert N. Ledbetter, James H. Cameron, C. C. O'Neal, Robert F. Winston, Robert F. Mountain. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Robert Moore, S. H. Williams. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? T. A. Scruggs (at his own request), B. H. Malone, R. J. Sampler, John G. Walker (at his own request), Robert Seales. 5.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? James T. Bartee, R. J. Briggs, John N. Dupree, R. D. Evans, J. L. Brittain, C. W. Smith. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? C. N. McLeod, J. E. McCain, J. G. Gurley, Daniel Duncan, George J. Mason, J. N. Glover, Uriah Williams. 7.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Huntsville District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Huntsville Station.....	274	2
Athens Station.....	150	2
Madison Circuit.....	230	3
Limestone Circuit.....	228	1
Pettusville Circuit.....	207	2
Maysville Circuit.....	174	.....
Vienna Circuit.....	595	1
Larkinsville Circuit.....	212	.....
Meridianville Circuit.....	293	1
Stevenson Circuit.....	410	6
New Market Circuit.....	245	2
Paint Rock Mission.....	175	1

Huntsville District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Deposit Mission.....	341	2
Cambridge Mission.....	300	5
Scottsboro Circuit.....	360	5
	4194	33

Talladega District.

Talladega Station.....	171	.....
Talladega Circuit.....	435	2
Munford Circuit.....	212	3
Oxford Circuit.....	512	4
Alexandria Circuit.....	359	4
Cross Plains Circuit.....	422	8
Ohatchee Circuit.....	415	4
Harpersville Circuit.....	451	3
Columbiana Circuit.....	430	2
Fayetteville Circuit.....	334	2
Plantersville Circuit.....	193	.....
Chandler Springs Circuit.....	432	4
Ball Play Mission.....	270	2
Coosa Valley Circuit.....	233	2
	4869	40

Birmingham District.

Birmingham Station.....	360	1
Oxmoor and Helena Station.....	31	.....
Birmingham Circuit.....	280	6
Jones's Valley Circuit.....	277	3
Jonesboro Circuit.....	432	.....
Coketon Circuit.....	370	6
Tuscaloosa Circuit.....	319	1
Ashville Circuit.....	450	6
Pelham Circuit.....	420	6
Blount Springs Circuit.....	293	6
New Castle Circuit.....	315	6
Murphree's Valley Circuit.....	611	13
Montevallo Circuit.....	97	.....
Cullman Mission.....	164	4
	4419	58

Tuscaloosa District.

Tuscaloosa Station.....	206	1
North Port Circuit.....	480	4
Carrollton Circuit.....	421	.....
Yorkville Circuit.....	369	3
Gordo Circuit.....	735	2
Sheffield Circuit.....	425	6
Fayette Circuit.....	414	5
Luxapalila Circuit.....	564	6
Vernon Circuit.....	373	4
Jasper Circuit.....	425	6
Newtonville Mission.....	122	.....
Buttahatchee Mission.....	263	2
Clear Creek Mission.....	200	5
North River Mission.....	207	4
	5204	48

Decatur District.

Decatur Station.....	100	1
Courtland Station.....	166	1
Trinity Circuit.....	219	3
Leighton Circuit.....	181	1
Town Creek Circuit.....	122	1
Hartsell Circuit.....	410	11
Oakville Circuit.....	356	3
Danville Circuit.....	438	5
Somerville Circuit.....	566	11
Newberg Circuit.....	304	4
Moulton Circuit.....	249	1
Russellville Station.....	149	1
Littlesville Mission.....	137	4
	3337	47

Florence District.

Florence Station.....	150	4
Tusculum Station.....	134	1
Valley Station.....	180	1
Oakland Circuit.....	255	3
Waterloo Circuit.....	163	4
Shoal Circuit.....	226	.....
Lexington Circuit.....	295	1
Lentzville Circuit.....	516	3
Cypress Circuit.....	400	2
Chickasaw Circuit.....	175	.....

Florence District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Frankfort Circuit.....	330	4
Bexar Circuit.....	568	7
Colbert Mission.....	256	1
Burleson Mission.....	66	.....
	3714	31

Guntersville District.

Guntersville Station.....	51	1
Gadsden Station.....	210	3
Gadsden Circuit.....	442	3
Atalla Circuit.....	330	4
Center Circuit.....	390	3
Cedar Bluff Circuit.....	566	5
Valley Head Circuit.....	185	5
Van Buren Circuit.....	352	2
Bristoe's Cove Circuit.....	491	5
Blountsville Circuit.....	450	6
Warrenton Circuit.....	210	2
Tennessee Valley Circuit.....	164	4
Lookout Mountain Mission.....	322	2
Island Creek Mission.....	125	3
	4288	48

La Fayette District.

La Fayette Station.....	178	2
Oak Bowery Circuit.....	383	3
Camp Hill Circuit.....	268	1
Dadeville Circuit.....	171	2
Socapatoy Circuit.....	470	4
Hackneyville Circuit.....	761	5
Lineville Circuit.....	400	5
Louina Circuit.....	350	4
Roanoke Circuit.....	467	5
Fredonia Circuit.....	336	4
Hatchet Creek Mission.....	340	3
Tallapoosa Mission.....	210	2
Wedowee Mission.....	400	1
Arbacochee Mission.....	348	9
	5085	50

Recapitulation.

Huntsville District.....	4194	33
Talladega ".....	4869	40
Birmingham ".....	4419	58
Tuscaloosa ".....	5204	48
Decatur ".....	3337	47
Florence ".....	3714	31
Guntersville ".....	4288	48
La Fayette ".....	5085	50
	35,110	355

Total this year.....

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1038.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1977.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 420.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2146.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 17,454.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,100.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,773. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$4,461 30; Domestic Missions, \$2,500 95. Total, \$6,962 25.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? La Fayette, Ala.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Anson West, P. E.

Huntsville Station, John A. Thompson.

Meridianville Circuit, George W. Hamilton.

Madison Station, Anderson G. Copeland.

Triana Circuit, to be supplied (by John M. Hamer).

Limestone Circuit, Robert F. Mountain.

Athens Station, William E. Mabry.

Pettusville Circuit, Robert A. Wilson.

Maysville Circuit, to be supplied (by R. T. Blackwell).

Vienna Circuit, C. C. O'Neal, J. T. Bartee, Sup.

Deposit Mission, John C. Hunekapiller.

Larkinsville Circuit, W. E. Cameron.

Scottsboro Station, W. T. Morris.

Bellefonte Circuit, James H. Leslie.

Stevenson Circuit, to be supplied (by Jo. C. Wallace).

Paint Rock Mission, M. E. Johnston.

New Market Circuit, D. A. Burns.

Huntsville Female College, A. B. Jones, President.

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.

Jo. T. Morris, P. E.

Talladega Station, W. C. Hearn.

Talladega Circuit, L. F. Whitten.

Munford Circuit, I. Z. T. Morris.

Oxford Circuit, W. R. Kirk.

Anniston Mission, R. A. Thompson.

Alexandria Circuit, V. O. Hawkins.

Ochatchee Circuit, A. S. Whitehurst.

Cross Plains Circuit, Crockett Godbey.

Ball Play Circuit, Thomas F. Davis.

Coosa Valley Circuit, C. S. D. Lassiter.

Harpersville Circuit, P. K. Brindley.

Columbiana Circuit, M. E. Butt.

Fayetteville Circuit, F. T. J. Brandon.

Plantersville Circuit, Jo. T. Curry.

Chandler Springs Circuit, T. W. Hayes.

TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT.

T. G. Slaughter, P. E.

Tuscaloosa Station, R. T. Nabors.

North Port Station, Thomas H. Deavenport.

Carrollton Station, D. S. McDonald.

Yorkville Circuit, Jo. J. Crow.

Gordo Circuit, John L. Ferguson.

Sipsey Mission, to be supplied (by W. J. W. Clardy).

Sheffield Circuit, James S. Glasgow.

Fayette Circuit, Olin W. Samples.

Luxapalila Circuit, T. K. Tierce, one to be supplied (by J. Belton Youngblood).

Vernon Circuit, D. W. Ward.

Buttahatchee Mission, L. M. Powell.

Clear Creek Mission, R. G. Isbell.

Jasper Circuit, George L. Hewitt.

North River Mission, to be supplied (by Jas. Freeman).

High-school, R. G. Isbell, Superintendent.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

W. C. McCoy, P. E.

Birmingham Station, J. W. Newman.

South Birmingham, to be supplied.

Elyton and Oxmoor, Evan Nicholson.
 Birmingham Circuit, John B. Gregory.
 Jones's Valley Circuit, B. F. Lea.
 Ashville Circuit, S. R. Emerson.
 Murphree's Valley Circuit, R. J. Wilson.
 Blount Springs Circuit, James E. Andrews.
 Cullman Mission, S. P. West.
 Coketon Circuit, James W. Tucker.
 Jonesboro Circuit, T. P. Roberts.
 Tuscaloosa Circuit, Robert F. Winston.
 Pelham Circuit, N. H. Self.
 Montevallo Circuit, John W. Baine.
Alabama Christian Advocate, J. W. Christian,
 Editor.

LA FAYETTE DISTRICT.

John B. Stevenson, P. E.

La Fayette Station, C. C. Ellis.
 Camp Hill Circuit, T. B. McCain, J. N. Dupree, Sup.
 Dadeville and Alexandria City, W. L. Clifton.
 Socapatoy Circuit, R. W. Coons.
 Weogufka Circuit, H. S. Matthews.
 Hackneyville Circuit, E. W. Jones.
 Tallapoosa Mission, R. W. Anderson.
 Lineville Circuit, W. T. Pattillo.
 Abernathy Circuit, P. T. McWhorter.
 Wedowee Mission, John T. Coleman.
 Louina Circuit, W. McD. Howell, J. M. Towles, Sup.
 Roanoke Circuit, M. L. Whitten.
 Fredonia Circuit, R. N. Ledbetter.

DECATUR DISTRICT.

L. M. Wilson, P. E.

Decatur Station, W. M. P. Rippey.
 Trinity Circuit, W. P. Owen, M. N. Morris, Sup.
 Courtland Station, R. T. Bentley.
 Town Creek Circuit, James L. Coleman.
 Leighton Circuit, John S. Davis.
 Russellville Station, James T. Miller.
 Falls Mission, George J. Smith.
 Newberg Circuit, to be supplied.
 Moulton Circuit, Wilson Williams.

Oakville Circuit, John S. Marks.
 Danville Circuit, George F. Boyd.
 Hartsell Circuit, John R. Sharpe.
 Somerville Circuit, H. P. Berry.

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

S. M. Hosmer, P. E.

Florence Station, C. D. Oliver, R. J. Briggs, Sup.
 Oakland Circuit, F. K. Hewlett.
 Waterloo Circuit, W. J. Canteberry.
 Cypress Circuit, E. F. S. Roberts.
 Shoal Circuit, G. M. G. Dunkin.
 Lexington Circuit, George W. Crutcher.
 Lentzville Circuit, S. H. Williams.
 Tuscumbia Station, M. G. Williams.
 Colbert Mission, Jo. B. Gregory.
 Valley Station, Isaac M. Blanton.
 Chickasaw Circuit, to be supplied.
 Frankfort Circuit, J. F. Randall.
 Burleson Mission, to be supplied.
 Bexar Circuit, R. A. Speer.
 State Normal School, Hardie Brown, President.

GADSDEN DISTRICT.

R. A. Timmons, P. E.

Gadsden Station, I. A. Parker.
 Gadsden Circuit, C. A. Allday.
 Center Circuit, Thomas A. Kerr.
 Cedar Bluff Circuit, L. R. Bell.
 Lookout Mountain Mission, James A. Neeley.
 Atalla Circuit, James H. Cameron.
 Bristoe's Cove Circuit, J. W. Spencer, C. W. Smith, Sup.
 Van Buren Circuit, Isaac Q. Melton.
 Valley Head Circuit, J. I. Williams.
 Island Creek Circuit, C. W. Jacobs.
 Tennessee Valley Circuit, James M. Dobbs.
 Guntersville Station, George R. Lynch.
 Warrenton Circuit, G. J. Hall.
 Blountsville Circuit, R. D. Carver, J. L. Brittain, Sup.
 De Kalb Mission, W. D. Nicholson.
 District High-school, M. K. Clements.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, November 23-28, 1881.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; B. CRAVEN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Edward L. Pell, Leroy L. Johnson, James F. Washburne, William T. Nelson, Charles P. Snow, Robert M. Hoyle, William L. Grissom, Edward Schulkin, Jos. L. Keene, John T. Abernathy, Wm. J. Crowson. 11.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? John W.

Jones, Robert L. Warlick, James T. Kendall, Walter T. Cutchin, John T. Finlayson, Daniel A. Watkins, Joseph D. Arnold, William B. North. 10.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? T. P.

Bonner and F. J. Hoke, at their own request. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? James O. Guthrie, J. Edwin Thompson, Colin G. Little, William I. Hull, Frank L. Townsend, Francis B. McCall, William L. Cuninggim, William J. Jay, William S. Hales, Thomas A. Stone. 10.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Ludolphus E. Thompson, Daniel L. Earnhardt, James E. Bristow, R. C. Beaman. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? James O. Guthrie, J. Edwin Thompson, Colin G. Little, William I. Hull, Frank L. Townsend, Francis B. McCall, Wm. L. Cuninggim, William J. Gay, William S. Hales, John W. Jones, James T. Kendall. 11.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? James O. Guthrie, J. Edwin Thompson, Colin G. Little, William I. Hull, Frank L. Townsend, Francis B. McCall, Wm. L. Cuninggim, William J. Gay, William S. Hales, John W. Jones, James T. Kendall. 11.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Robert M. Stafford, George D. Langston. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Robert M. Stafford, George D. Langston. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Nereus E. Coltrane, Joseph C. Rowe, Pinckney L. Groom, James H. Cordon, William P. McCorkle, Charles M. Gentry, Jonathan B. Carpenter, James T. Lyon. 8.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Nereus E. Coltrane, Joseph C. Rowe, Pinckney L. Groom, James H. Cordon, William P. McCorkle, Charles M. Gentry, Jonathan B. Carpenter, James T. Lyon. 8.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? James W. Craig. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None. Samuel C. Pharr and Samuel A. Cecil were recognized as elders.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? A. M. Long, W. B. Maness, Nicholas S. Norton. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? G. Farrar, I. F. Kerans, T. C. Moses, T. W. Smith. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? B. T. Blake, R. P. Bibb, G. E. Wyche, W. S. Halton, S. B. Dozier, J. W. Floyd, Henry Gray, W. W. Albea, E. Howland, Joseph C. Thomas, Daniel Culbreth, Miles Foy, T. A. Coon, W. M. Jordan, J. W. Randall, Hugh F. Wiley. 16.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? R. M. Brown, J. S. Ervin, J. T. Arrington, A. A. Boshammer. 4.

R. M. BROWN died January 30, 1881. He was born in the town of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. C., October 31, 1831. At the age of twenty-three years he was converted to God at Gold Hill, N. C., under the preaching of the Rev. Paul Kistler, of the South Carolina Conference, and joined the Method-

ist Episcopal Church, South. His conversion was of the Pauline type. It was preceded by deep and pungent conviction, and genuine repentance. The strong man was not only bound, but cast out, and the carnal nature was destroyed, and from the agonies and throes of death issued a new and better life. Old things passed away, and all things became new. The old Adam was buried, and Christ was raised up in him. He conferred not with flesh and blood, but at once applied for and received license as an exhorter, and began to warn sinners to flee the wrath to come. During the same year—1854—he was licensed as a local preacher, and in that relation served the Church for six years. In 1856 he was happily married to Miss E. J. Brown, of Gold Hill, who, with nine children, survives him. At the close of the year 1870 he was admitted on trial into the Annual Conference, and placed in charge of South Charlotte Circuit. In 1872 he was sent to the Wadesboro Circuit. During 1873-74 he traveled the Albemarle Circuit; 1875, the Topsail Circuit; 1876, the Yadkinville Circuit. During 1877-78 he served the Smithfield Circuit. In 1879 he was placed in charge of the Alamance Circuit, where he remained for two years. At the last Conference he was assigned by Bishop Keener to the Uwharrie Circuit, in Montgomery County. He went promptly to his charge, and entered immediately upon his work. Though the weather was extremely cold, and the ground covered with snow to an unusual depth, he endeavored to meet all his appointments. This he did for four weeks, but on the 23d of January he was taken sick at the house of Mr. Hill Wood. His disease was complicated, but developed into pneumonia. His strength gave way rapidly, and after eight days of suffering he with his charge his life laid down, and ceased at once to work and live. A few days before his death, in speaking of his sickness, he said, "We know not what a day may bring forth." He afterward expressed a desire to "fly away, and be at rest." Brother Brown was an affectionate, dutiful son, a fond and loving husband and father, an honest, humble man of sterling worth. As a preacher, he was earnest, incisive, and effective. The word spoken by him was in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, and many souls were born to Christ through his labors. He was called to his reward while yet in the strength of manhood, with encouraging prospects of a long and useful life before him; yet he bowed submissively to the divine will, and departed in peace, to be forever with the Lord.

JAMES SHERROD ERVIN was born in Clarendon County, S. C., November 24, 1829, and was early impressed with the fact that he must preach the gospel of Christ. He joined the South Carolina Conference in 1852, and became a useful and efficient traveling minister. He continued in said Conference till 1870, when he was transferred to the North Carolina Conference, in which he remained till his

death, which occurred in the early part of the year 1881, at his home in King's Mountain, N. C. He had just entered upon his work, and made about one round, when the great Head of the Church called him from labor and toil to rest and refreshment in the life to come. Brother Ervin was faithful in all the relations he sustained to his family, his country, and the Church. As a preacher, he was sound in doctrine, clear in conception, systematic in arrangement, graceful and easy in delivery, yet always earnest, and sometimes eloquent. His sermons generally were well-studied and to the point, and he seldom preached at length. In fact, his preaching was good, sound, and persuasive; consequently, during the twenty-eight years of his ministry, he won many souls to Christ, some of whom, perhaps, now are jewels in his crown of rejoicing, in the bright land where no disease comes, and no death enters, and the withering touch of Time's ruthless hand is never felt. He leaves a sorrowing wife and children and many friends to mourn their loss, but their loss is his eternal gain. Much more might be said of this devoted man of God, but his life-record of purity and faithfulness is sufficient eulogy, "for no man liveth to himself."

JOSEPH T. ARRINGTON was a mild, amiable, and inoffensive boy. His attachment to his parents and his obedience to their wishes knew no bounds. He loved his friends ardently, and had a kind feeling for all mankind. He never in his life made an enemy. Those who were associated with him became strongly attached to him. He embraced religion and joined the Church at a very early age, under the ministry of the Rev. L. J. Holden. He was converted when alone, and without any strong demonstration communicated the fact to his parents. Soon after his conversion he intimated to his grandfather, Dr. Closs, that he believed himself called to the work of the Christian ministry. His impressions upon this subject remained in his own bosom and that of his grandfather until he reached early manhood. He was admitted on trial by the North Carolina Conference at its session in Wilson, December, 1879, and was appointed as junior preacher on the Mattamuskeet Circuit, under the Rev. James H. Cordon. He soon endeared himself to that people by his godly walk and conversation. Sweet-spirited and kind, he won and retained the love of all who knew him. His labors during this year were abundant, and the great Head of the Church gave him souls for his hire. The second and last year of his ministerial life was spent in Beaufort Station. He took charge of this work with fear and trembling, in view of the responsibilities which devolved upon him, but fully trusting in God to assist him, and with the full conviction that by divine grace all would be well. He was faithful in the discharge of all his duties, especially in the performance of pastoral work. His pastoral visiting was so thorough that, though he was called to his reward before he

had been there twelve months, it is believed that there was not a man, woman, or child, of his congregation that he did not know by name, or that he could not recognize on meeting them. He was a close student, and it has been remarked by an intelligent local preacher of the station, that he never preached an indifferent sermon. Such was his spirit and manner that every one felt that he was one of the holiest of men. Death came unexpectedly, both to him and his friends, but found him ready. When informed that he was dying, he clapped his hands in ecstasy. His mind remained clear and strong to the last. He gave directions, while dying, in reference to the return of certain books which he had borrowed. He requested that his death be broken gently to his mother—saying, "She takes trouble so hard." He exhorted those who were unconcerned to seek an interest in Christ. Turning to a friend near by, he requested her to sing one of his favorite hymns; but she was too deeply affected to sing, as were all present. He then sweetly sung "The Old Ship of Zion" and "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and as the last words died on his lips, his pure spirit was borne gently away by invisible hands to that "land of pure delight, where saints immortal reign." Thus lived and died the Rev. J. T. Arrington, before he had reached the twenty-third year of his age. In his death the North Carolina Conference loses a young and promising minister of the gospel, possessing a mind far above mediocrity, and a resolution that never failed.

AUGUSTUS ALLAN BOSHAMMER was born at Yanceyville, Caswell County, N. C., on the 11th day of January, 1847. His boyhood and youth were spent in Caswell, Granville, and Person Counties. His youth was spent mostly in the acquirement of an education, which, whilst it was not very extensive, yet it gave him a good foundation upon which he built wisely and well. In the autumn of 1865 he became seriously impressed with the great importance of consecrating himself to God, and was at that time happily converted to God under the ministry of the Rev. Paul J. Carraway, of the North Carolina Conference. This important event in his life occurred at Roxboro, in Person County, N. C. Soon after his conversion he joined the M. E. Church, South, and afterward became impressed that it was his duty to preach the gospel, and in the summer of 1870 he was licensed as a minister in his Church. Soon after he was licensed to preach, he attended the Local Preachers' Conference at Durham, N. C., and while there preached a sermon which impressed the people and indicated that he was quite promising. In 1870 he was received on trial into the North Carolina Conference, and his first appointment was Magnolia Circuit. While there he was married to Miss Fannie Closs, the daughter of the Rev. Wm. Closs, D.D., of the North Carolina Conference. He remained on this circuit one year, and was appointed the next

year to Fifth-street Station, Wilmington. In 1873 he was appointed to Henderson Circuit. He had now begun to impress himself upon the Conference as a very promising young minister. He remained on Henderson Circuit four years, and perhaps no man ever enjoyed more of the love, confidence, and admiration of any charge than he did of the people of Henderson Circuit. He remained there as long as the law of the Church would allow, and in 1877 was appointed to Tryon-street Church, of Charlotte. His appointment to this important station was an expression of confidence in his ability and judgment that was very complimentary indeed. It is very seldom that one so young in years, and so young in the Conference, is charged with such an important appointment. He filled it four years, and but few ministers ever left a charge with more warm friends than he left in Charlotte. While in that city he lost by death the wife of his youth. At the last session of the North Carolina Conference he was appointed as preacher in charge of Edenton-street Station, Raleigh, N. C. On the 12th of last January he was happily married to Miss Virginia Wall Marshall, a most excellent lady of Wadesboro, N. C., who survives him, together with a young daughter by his first marriage. He was taken sick of typhoid fever, Sept. 12, 1881. On the next day he arose from his bed and officiated at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Methodist Church in Raleigh. This was his last public act. His effort to perform this last duty was but an expression of the great interest he felt in that worthy enterprise. After the ceremony was over he went to his room and took his bed, from which he was not able to arise again. During his sickness no word of complaint, no murmur escaped his lips, but that high type of patience which characterized his whole life shone out more beautifully than ever in his sickness. Every thing that skill and tenderness could do was done for him. On Monday, the 10th of October last, he was thought to be better. The next morning his friends were hopeful that he would recover, but about the middle of the day he grew rapidly worse, and it soon became apparent that the end was near. With crushed hearts his friends gathered about his dying-bed, stunned by the blow they were receiving. About an hour and a-half before he died he was aroused and informed of his condition. He was asked if he was afraid to die. He promptly responded, "No." He was then asked if he could put his trust in his Saviour. He replied, emphatically, "Yes." He was asked if he believed that his God would take him home to live with him in heaven. He replied, "Yes; but I am too tired to talk any more." Soon after that he turned to one of his brethren in the ministry, and told him he wanted him to "pray and work for the Church." He had some lucid moments from that time until he died, at thirty-seven minutes after midnight. But his life was the most beautiful expression of his faith that could be

given. He "wore the girdle of the world about his loins so loosely that a moment sufficed to break the clasp and lay it down." As a man, he was genial, warm-hearted, tender, and true—a devoted son, a model husband, an affectionate brother, a faithful friend. Gentle in all his ministrations, prudent in his walk and conversation, kind to the poor, warm and faithful in his friendships, attentive as a pastor, talented, instructive, and eloquent as a preacher of the gospel, he was the fond object of tender love and admiration, and adorned his holy calling in the eyes of his brethren and the world. His preaching ability was of an unusually high order, and crowded congregations gladly waited upon his pulpit ministrations. He was a diligent student, earnest in his search after knowledge, which he acquired rapidly, and always strove to make himself useful in all his relations to the Church and to his fellow-man. Notwithstanding his unusually rapid promotion in the ministry, and the expressions of admiration which greeted him wherever he went, yet a beautiful humility and a fervent piety conspicuously characterized his every word and action. It is impossible to estimate his worth.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Raleigh District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Edenton Street.....	586	.....	2
Person Street.....	224	.....	1
Brooklyn and Macedonia.....	30	.....	.....
Cary.....	359	.....	2
Rolesville.....	535	1	.....
Smithfield.....	527	.....	.....
Hanner's Creek Mission.....	100	.....	.....
Tar River.....	805	4	3
Youngville.....	275	.....	.....
Louisburg.....	152	.....	1
Oxford.....	528	2	2
Granville.....	487	.....	1
Henderson.....	441	.....	.....
	5049	7	12

Hillsboro District.

Hillsboro Circuit.....	568	.....	1
Durham.....	283	1	1
Chapel Hill.....	192	9	1
Person.....	587	1	1
Leasburg.....	587	1	2
Yanceyville.....	548	.....	.....
Alamance.....	412	2	1
Haw River.....	586	.....	4
Pittsboro.....	764	4	2
Deep River.....	677	1	5
Orange.....	112	.....	1
	5316	19	19

Greensboro District.

Greensboro.....	357	.....	2
Guilford.....	649	.....	4
Pleasant Garden.....	554	.....	2
Franklinville.....	253	.....	1
Randleman's.....	223	.....	1

Greensboro District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Randolph.....	530	.....	2
Trinity.....	112	.....	3
Thomasville and High Point.....	383	1	1
Davidson Mission.....	78	.....	.....
Winston.....	429	.....	3
Forsyth.....	973	2	9
Stokes.....	713	12	1
Madison.....	363	9	2
Dan River Mission.....	12	.....	.....
Wentworth.....	797	.....	3
	6426	24	34

Salisbury District.

Salisbury Station.....	212	1	2
Salisbury Circuit.....	800	.....	.....
Mocksville.....	750	.....	2
Davie.....	480	.....	1
Concord Station.....	135	.....	.....
Concord Circuit.....	304	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	565	1	.....
Albemarle.....	722	2	2
Stanley.....	600	.....	4
Lexington Station.....	107	.....	1
Davidson.....	715	.....	2
Uwharrie.....	833	.....	1
	6223	3	16

Statesville District.

Statesville Station.....	245	.....	.....
Statesville Circuit.....	440	.....	.....
Mooresville.....	1110	1	2
Iredell.....	575	.....	1
Rock Spring.....	841	.....	1
Newton.....	1075	.....	2
Alexander.....	804	.....	.....
Caldwell.....	518	.....	4
Lenoir.....	607	.....	3
Wilkes.....	432	3	1
Roaring River Mission.....	110	5	.....
Surry.....	600	.....	3
Mount Airy.....	331	.....	2
Yadkinville.....	720	4	8
Pilot Mountain.....	237	.....	5
	8645	13	32

Wilmington District.

Front Street.....	382	6	1
Fifth Street.....	250	.....	2
Topsail.....	310	.....	1
Duplin.....	538	1	.....
Clinton.....	595	5	1
Cokesbury.....	600	.....	2
Coharie Mission.....	211	.....	.....
Bladen.....	489	.....	1
Elizabeth Circuit.....	410	1	.....
Whiteville.....	525	.....	2
Waccamaw.....	274	3	1
Smithville.....	162	.....	1
Brunswick.....	533	.....	2
Onslow.....	414	.....	.....
	5693	16	14

Charlotte District.

Tryon Street.....	434	.....	1
Calvary Mission.....	105	.....	2
Charlotte Circuit.....	193	.....	1
Matthews.....	599	2	4
Pineville.....	327	.....	1
Pleasant Grove.....	706	.....	.....
Monroe Station.....	201	1	.....
Monroe Circuit.....	419	.....	3
Wadesboro Station.....	148	.....	.....
Wadesboro Circuit.....	503	1	.....
Ansonville.....	390	4	1
Lilesville.....	365	.....	1
	4390	8	14

Fayetteville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fayetteville.....	425	.....	1
Cumberland.....	493	.....	2
Lumberton.....	383	.....	3
Robeson.....	468	90	2
Laurinburg.....	792	.....	2
Rockingham Station.....	258	.....	3
Rockingham Circuit.....	610	.....	4
Mount Gilead.....	358	.....	1
Pekin.....	492	16	1
Montgomery.....	572	2	.....
Carthage.....	662	.....	1
Buckhorn.....	616	.....	4
Lillington Mission.....	114	.....	.....
Jonesboro.....	610	1	1
	6853	109	25

Shelby District.

Shelby Station.....	415	.....	1
King's Mountain.....	362	.....	2
Double Shoals.....	700	.....	5
Cherry Mountain.....	604	.....	3
Rutherfordton.....	375	.....	1
Columbia.....	142	.....	3
Upper Broad River.....	120	.....	.....
Marion.....	550	.....	2
Morganton.....	1201	.....	4
Happy Home.....	463	.....	6
South Mountain Mission.....	265	.....	2
Hickory.....	210	.....	.....
South Fork.....	632	.....	3
Dallas.....	500	1	.....
Lincolnton.....	611	2	1
	7150	3	33

New Berne District.

New Berne.....	339	.....	2
Goldsboro Station.....	202	.....	1
Wayne.....	484	.....	1
Goldsboro Circuit.....	86	.....	.....
Mount Olive.....	496	.....	1
Kinston.....	140	.....	2
Snow Hill.....	505	.....	2
La Grange.....	355	.....	2
Craven.....	286	.....	1
Jones.....	444	.....	1
Beaufort.....	225	.....	1
Carteret.....	464	.....	2
Pamlico.....	8	.....	.....
Straits.....	236	.....	.....
	4270	.....	16

Warrenton District.

Warrenton Station.....	316	1	2
Warrenton Circuit.....	479	1	1
Roanoke.....	410	.....	3
Weldon and Halifax.....	149	1	.....
Halifax Circuit.....	485	.....	3
East Halifax.....	59	.....	.....
Wilson Station.....	266	1	1
Wilson Circuit.....	365	5	1
Ridgeway.....	439	3	.....
Nashville.....	320	.....	1
Edgecombe.....	187	.....	.....
	3475	12	12

Washington District.

Tarboro.....	75	.....	1
South Edgecombe.....	231	.....	.....
Williamston.....	263	.....	2
Robinsonville Mission.....	14	.....	1
Greenville.....	564	.....	3
Pitt Mission.....	30	.....	1
Swift Creek.....	218	.....	4
Neuse.....	432	.....	1
Washington.....	217	.....	.....
Bath.....	342	.....	1
Plymouth.....	116	2	.....

Washington District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Columbia.....	401		
Hyde.....	339	1	1
Mattamuskeet.....	340		1
Portsmouth, Ocracoke, & Hatteras..	531		4
	4113	3	20

Recapitulation.

Raleigh District.....	5049	7	12
Hillsboro ".....	5316	19	19
Greensboro ".....	6126	24	34
Salisbury ".....	6223	3	16
Statesville ".....	8645	13	32
Shelby ".....	7150	3	33
Charlotte ".....	4390	8	14
Fayetteville ".....	6853	109	25
Wilmington ".....	5693	16	14
New Berne ".....	4270		16
Warrenton ".....	3475	12	12
Washington ".....	4113	3	20
Total this year.....	67,603	217	247

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 2106.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2074.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 764.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 4780.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 39,906.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4,953 68. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$5,774 94; Domestic Missions, \$3,665 71. Total, \$9,440 65.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Raleigh, N. C.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

S. D. Adams, P. E.

Edenton Street, E. A. Yates.
 Person Street, R. F. Bumpass.
 Brooklyn and Macedonia Miss., J. H. Wheeler.
 Cary, B. B. Culbreth.
 Rolesville, L. L. Nash.
 Smithfield, M. C. Thomas.
 Clayton, R. C. Beaman.
 Tar River, W. H. Moore.
 Youngville, J. T. Finlayson.
 Louisburg, W. C. Norman.
 Oxford, L. H. Gibbons.
 Granville, J. T. Gibbs.
 Henderson, L. J. Holden.
 Oak Hill Mission, to be supplied.
Raleigh Christian Advocate, F. L. Reid, W. S. Black, Editors.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

N. H. D. Wilson, P. E.

Hillsboro Circuit, J. O. Guthrie.
 Durham, J. A. Cuninggim.

Durham Circuit, J. T. Lyon.
 Chapel Hill, T. A. Stone, J. F. Heitman.
 Person, T. A. Boone.

Leasburg, H. H. Gibbons.

Yanceyville, V. A. Sharpe.

Alamance, John Tillet.

Haw River, J. B. Martin.

Pittsboro, R. A. Willis.

Deep River, P. Greening, T. C. Moses, Sup.

University of North Carolina, A. W. Mangum, Professor.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

W. H. Bobbitt, P. E.

Greensboro, L. W. Crawford.

Guilford, J. Mahoney.

Pleasant Garden, J. B. Carpenter.

Franklinville, C. H. Phillips.

Randleman Station, B. C. Phillips.

Randolph, R. T. N. Stephenson, I. F. Keerans, Sup.

Trinity, B. Craven.

Thomasville and High Point, J. J. Wren.

Davidson Miss., to be supplied (by S. A. Cecil).

Winston, C. C. Dodson.

Forsyth, T. H. Pegram.

Stokes, P. L. Groom, S. H. Helsabeck.

Madison, T. S. Campbell.

Ruffin, N. E. Coltrane.

Reidsville, J. Edward Thompson.

Trinity College, B. Craven, President.

Greensboro Female College, D. R. Bruton, Agent.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

W. S. Black, P. E.

Salisbury, Joseph Wheeler.

Salisbury Circuit, W. C. Wilson.

Mocksville, T. L. Triplett.

Rowan, W. T. Cutchin.

Davie, D. L. Earnhardt.

Concord, W. S. Creasy, T. W. Smith, Sup.

Concord Circuit, H. P. Cole.

Mount Pleasant, Z. Rush.

Albemarle, T. J. Gattis.

Stanley, J. D. Carpenter.

Lexington, L. E. Thompson.

Davidson, J. W. Lewis.

Uwharrie, to be supplied (by J. W. Cecil).

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. G. Barrett, P. E.

Statesville, B. R. Hall.

Statesville Circuit, C. G. Little.

Moorestville, J. T. Harris.

Iredell, J. Sandford.

Rock Spring, M. V. Sherrill.

Hunting Creek Mission, to be supplied (by Peter Jurney).

Newton, P. F. W. Stamey.

Alexander, S. D. Peeler.

Caldwell, C. P. Snow.

Lenoir, J. H. Page.

Wilkes, E. L. Pell.

Roaring River Mission, J. F. Craven.

John's River Miss., to be sup. (by D. C. Stimson).

Surry, to be supplied (by D. F. Holcomb).
 Elkin and Jonesville, J. C. Rowe.
 Mount Airy, G. W. Callahan.
 Yadkinville, E. J. Eudaily.
 Pilot Mountain Mission, James Wilson.
 Davenport College, G. F. Round, President.

SHELBY DISTRICT.

H. T. Hudson, P. E.

Shelby, A. R. Raven.
 King's Mountain Circuit, J. T. Abernethy.
 Double Shoals, J. W. Jones.
 Cherry Mount, S. J. McLeod.
 Rutherfordton, G. W. Ivey.
 Columbus Mission, R. M. Hoyle.
 Marion, J. C. Hartsell.
 Morganton, C. M. Anderson.
 Burke Circuit, J. N. Somers.
 Hickory and Happy Home, P. L. Herman.
 South Mountain Miss., to be sup. (by F. Calton).
 South Fork Circuit, C. A. Gault.
 Dallas, A. G. Gantt.
 Gaston, T. L. Hoyle.
 Lincolnton, J. W. Jenkins.
 McDowell, to be supplied (by J. A. Lee).

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

M. L. Wood, P. E.

Tryon Street, J. T. Bagwell.
 Calvary Mission, J. W. Wheeler.
 Charlotte Circuit, to be supplied (by T. S. Elington).
 Matthews, T. H. Edwards.
 Pineville, Lemon Shell.
 Pleasant Grove, M. H. Hoyle.
 Monroe, P. J. Carraway.
 Monroe Circuit, J. B. Bailey.
 Wadesboro, W. S. Rone.
 Wadesboro Circuit, J. B. Alford.
 Ansonville, L. E. Stacy.
 Lilesville, O. J. Brent.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

L. L. Hendren, P. E.

Fayetteville, J. R. Brooks.
 Cumberland, C. M. Gentry.
 Lumberton, A. P. Tyer.
 Robeson, M. W. Boyles.
 Laurinburg, J. W. North.
 St. John's, T. W. Guthrie.
 Rockingham, J. B. Bobbitt.
 Ashpole Mission, W. S. Chaffin.
 Jonesboro High School, to be supplied.
 Rockingham Cir., to be sup. (by S. C. Pharr).
 Mount Gilead, C. M. Pepper.
 Pekin, F. L. Townsend.
 Montgomery, W. S. Hales.
 Carthage, J. R. Scroggs.
 Buckhorn, A. M. Lowe, I. W. Avent.
 Jonesboro, J. J. Carden.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. O. Burton, P. E.

Front Street, F. H. Wood.
 Fifth Street, T. P. Ricaud.
 Topsail, W. I. Hull.

Duplin, A. D. Betts.
 Clinton, J. E. Thompson, Edward Schulken.
 Cokesbury, J. C. Crisp.
 Coharrie Mission, Z. T. Harrison.
 Bladen, F. A. Bishop.
 Elizabeth Circuit, G. W. Hardison.
 Whiteville, J. W. Puett.
 Waccamaw Mission, T. J. Browning.
 Smithville, W. B. North.
 Brunswick, J. T. Kendall.
 Onslow, R. L. Warlick.

NEW BERNE DISTRICT.

J. E. Mann, P. E.

New Berne, L. S. Burkhead.
 Goldsboro, W. M. Robey.
 Wayne, W. H. Call.
 Goldsboro Cir., to be sup. (by B. B. Holder).
 Mount Olive, J. E. Bristow.
 Kinston, F. D. Swindell.
 Snow Hill, J. N. Andrews.
 La Grange, W. P. McCorkle.
 Craven, J. M. Lumley.
 Jones, L. L. Jolinson.
 Beaufort, N. M. Jurney.
 Carteret, W. H. Puckett.
 Pamlico Circuit, F. B. McCall.
 Pamlico Miss., to be supplied (by B. Hancock).
 Straits Mission, D. A. Watkins.

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

William Closs, P. E.

Warrenton, W. C. Gannon.
 Warren Circuit, J. R. Griffith.
 Roanoke, J. D. Buie, J. M. Rhodes.
 Weldon and Halifax, W. L. Cuninggim.
 Fishing Creek Mission, T. B. Reeks.
 Halifax Circuit, W. H. Watkins.
 East Halifax, W. J. Crowson.
 Wilson, J. H. Guinn.
 Wilson Circuit, S. M. Davis.
 Ridgeway, R. S. Webb.
 Nashville, M. H. Moore.
 Edgecombe, J. N. Cole.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. S. Nelson, P. E.

Tarboro, J. D. Arnold.
 South Edgecombe, J. H. Cordon.
 Williamston, W. B. Doub.
 Robinsonville Mission, to be supplied (by J. H. Jenkins).
 Greenville, S. V. Hoyle.
 Pitt Mission, to be supplied (by T. J. Daily).
 Swift Creek, N. A. Hooker.
 Aurora, W. T. Nelson.
 Washington, D. May.
 Bath, J. F. Washburne.
 Plymouth, W. L. Grissom.
 Columbia, M. J. Hunt.
 Fairfield, W. J. Gay.
 Mattamuskeet, to be supplied (by J. R. Finley).
 Swan Quarter, J. L. Keen.
 Portsmouth, Ocracoke, and Hatteras, to be supplied (by E. D. Hoover).

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ATHENS, GA., *November 30—December 5, 1881.*

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; JOHN W. HEIDT, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Thomas S. Hubert, C. V. Weathers, W. T. Hamby, Joseph A. Tardy, Joshua S. L. Sappington, Fletcher D. Cantrell, Luke G. Johnson. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Columbus A. Jamison, Edwin I. Smith, George S. Hanleiter, Elisha T. Hendrick, James B. Allen, Thomas O. Rorie, Howard L. Crumley. 7.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Charles T. Jones, J. S. Askew (at his own request), Preston H. Miller (at his own request). 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? William T. Bell, Robert J. Bigham, James R. King, Henry S. Bradley, Mark H. Edwards, Nonymous E. McBrayer. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? William A. Rogers. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? O. B. Quillian, J. C. Davidson, H. M. Newton, Kosciusko Read, William O. Butler, J. H. Daniel. 6.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Robert J. Bigham, James R. King, Henry S. Bradley, Joseph A. Tardy. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Robert J. Bigham, James R. King, Henry S. Bradley, J. A. Tardy. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? James O. A. Hickman, Thomas H. Hunnicutt. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Thomas H. Hunnicutt. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? R. B. O. England, C. S. Owens, J. B. Robbins, J. T. Gibson, P. L. Stanton, L. P. Winter, W. O. Butler. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? R. B. O. England, C. S. Owens, J. B. Robbins, J. T. Gibson, P. L. Stanton, L. P. Winter, W. O. Butler. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? John M. Watkins. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Walter Lanier, Larkin D. Sewell, James B. Hunnicutt, Arthur C. Davidson. 4.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Stephen H. Dimon and Eustace W. Speer (at their own request), John R. Pate. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. P. Howell, A. W. Rowland, R. H. Jones, A.

Means, J. T. Norris, W. M. Crumley, E. G. Murrah, C. A. Mitchell. 8.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? A. J. Deavors, M. F. Malsby, H. Crawford, G. Hughes, C. Trussell, S. J. Bellah, D. Kelsey, J. B. C. Quillian, W. R. Foote, R. J. Harwell, J. M. Bright, M. H. White, R. A. Conner, M. G. Hamby, J. M. Armstrong, W. J. Wardlaw, J. Jones, F. F. Reynolds. 18.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? C. W. Key, F. B. Davies, Josiah Lewis, James B. Payne, J. W. Knight, John P. Duncan, William H. Weaver, J. B. Hollinshead, T. A. Gillespie. 9.

CALEB WITT KEY was born in Green County, Ga., Jan. 9, 1806, and died in Augusta, Ga., Jan. 22, 1881, aged 75 years and 13 days. He was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Hames, daughter of the Rev. Joshua Hames, of Putnam County, Ga., in 1827. She died in 1837, leaving three children, the eldest of which is our beloved brother, Joseph S. Key, of the South Georgia Conference. In October, 1838, he married Miss Elizabeth Wimberly, of Macon, Ga., who still survives him. He was converted to God in 1826, and was licensed to preach by Andrew Hamel, P. E., in La Grange, Ga., in 1829. He served as a supply on Cedar Creek Circuit in 1832. He was admitted on trial into the Georgia Conference in January, 1833. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Emory, in Washington, in 1834, and elder by Bishop Andrew, in Macon, in January, 1836. These were his appointments: Junior preacher to the Rev. Wesley P. Arnold, on Little River Circuit, in 1833; Washington Circuit in 1834; Sparta Circuit in 1835; Hawkinsville Circuit in 1836; Milledgeville and Scottsboro in 1837-38; Augusta in 1839; Forsyth Circuit in 1840; Jeffersonville Circuit in 1841; La Grange in 1842-43; Talbotton in 1844. In the summer of 1844 he was transferred from Talbotton, by the Bishop, to Columbus, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Curry. Savannah in 1845-46; Sparta in 1847; Eatonton in 1848; Madison in 1849-50; Covington and Oxford in 1851; Washington in 1852-53; Sparta in 1854; Griffin in 1855-56; Wesley Chapel, Atlanta, in 1857-58; Eatonton in 1859-60; La Grange in 1861-62; Talbotton in 1863-64; Americus in

1865; Columbus City Mission in 1866; Augusta (Asbury) 1867-70; Augusta District in 1871-74; St. Luke's Mission, Augusta, in 1875-77; Covington in 1878. At the Conference held in Marietta in November, 1878, he was superannuated, and was continued in this relation to the Conference until he died. Brother Key's early education was limited. By study and general reading he acquired much useful knowledge and culture. He was always neat in his apparel, and genteel in his personal appearance. What Nature did for him and what he did for himself qualified him well for every field of labor to which he, in the providence of God, was called. He performed every class of work pertaining to the Methodist ministry. He was emphatically a man of all work, and all his work was intelligently and well done. The "work of the Lord always prospered in his hands." To such workers, under God, all Churches are chiefly indebted for their prosperity. His sermons were always clear, plain, practical expositions of his texts, and uniformly good. It is said of him that he never made failures. Great occasions did not inspire him as they do ordinary men, neither did occasions of less importance abate his zeal or sense of responsibility. He preached the same gospel to the few and to the many, to the rich and to the poor, to the learned and to the unlearned. He was in no sense a creature of circumstances. If he had any eccentricity it was to be found in his remarkable freedom from it. He was well rounded, well balanced, and systematic in the pulpit and out of it. He was seldom elated, and seldom exulted, and was never despondent. His ministerial character was distinguished for its dignity, its circumspection, and its purity. His social nature was characterized by urbanity, cheerfulness, and hopefulness. He was deeply pious. His religion was not fitful and evanescent, but uniform and consistent in experience and outward manifestation. When he grew old he retained his characteristic freshness of spirit—indeed, he never grew old. He never croaked and scolded after the manner of some old men. It was his nature, if not his religion, to appreciate the silver lining of every cloud. Sensitive as was consistent with self-respect, he never obtruded his troubles, real or imaginary, upon others. Unlike most old men, he did not regard progress and advancement as innovations upon the sacred relics of the past. He kept himself abreast with the progress and achievements of the age. During the last year of his life, in an experience-meeting, he said: "I thank God for all the victories achieved by the Church during my youth and middle life; but I thank him still more that the Church of today is purer and wiser than at any time of the past." He always encouraged hope, basing his exhortations upon the word of God. Though remarkably well preserved for one of his age, he realized before his brethren of the Conference did that the infirmities of old age were upon him. He asked himself to be su-

perannuated, and accepted the situation with most becoming grace. But he did not retire from active ministerial life. He preached nearly every Sabbath either to Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists—white or black. He attended the Sabbath-school, visited the sick, comforted the distressed, circulated religious literature, exhorted all to liberality, and himself set the example. One of the most striking characteristics was his promptness and readiness with whatever work he had in hand. As might have been reasonably expected, when his last sickness came it found him "house in order," his business all arranged, and himself ready for the Master's summons. He said to his wife: "I may grow worse—I want to say that I am *all* ready for whatever may come."

FRANCIS BARTON DAVIES died at his home in Decatur, Ga., in his 47th year, on the morning of April 25, 1881. He was a native of Savannah, Ga., and was converted and joined the Church in early life. In the midst of successful secular business, feeling strong convictions of his duty to preach the gospel, he promptly obeyed the call of the Spirit. He was first admitted into the Holston Conference. He received his first appointment from Bishop Paine, and was sent to Florida, and stationed at Palatka. After some years of faithful work, his health failing, he gave up preaching for a time; but he again entered the itinerant work in 1866, and was admitted into the Georgia Conference at Americus when the Conference was divided. He was appointed to Zebulon Circuit for 1867; to Forsyth for 1868-69; to Monticello for 1870-71; then to Decatur for three years; to Oxford and Social Circle for 1875; to Warrenton for 1876-77; to Conyers for 1878; to Norcross for 1879; and finally to Atlanta City Mission for 1880-81. At all these places his ministry was successful, the work of the Lord prospered in his hands, and he left deep and favorable impressions, and warm and grateful recollections of his personal character and efficient ministry. Well endowed by nature with strong mental powers, a good judgment, and a practical cast of mind—with great kindness and benevolence of heart and tenderness of feeling—he was adapted to the ministry, and especially to the pastoral work. He was deservedly and eminently popular among his people, commanding their love and appreciation, and winning many souls to Christ. He was beloved as a pastor, esteemed as a safe counselor in perplexity, a wise leader and administrator in business, and a faithful and sympathetic friend in affliction and trial. As a preacher in the pulpit, his face singularly expressive of gravity, benevolence, and sincerity, his voice pleasant and musical, his manner gentle and earnest, his delivery free and smooth, with a copious flow of language, strong and clear, forcible and sensible in thought, he was a good sermonizer and an efficient minister. Out of a heart full of love and rich in Christian experience he

preached a pure gospel in the love and liberty of the Holy Ghost. His sermons and exhortations were successful and more appreciated by his people than he in his meekness and humility ever supposed. In the important fields of his labor—some demanding more or less of missionary spirit and work—where congregations were to be formed, Sunday-schools organized, and churches and parsonages built, he was eminently successful. Where foundations were to be laid, or improvements made, and plans formed and executed with only limited means and resources, he was wisely and zealously efficient. Here he excelled, for his heart and hands were ready for the work, and for it he was especially qualified. He appreciated the advantages of good churches and comfortable parsonages, and by his zealous efforts and his devotion to such enterprises was often rewarded with pleasing success. In his missionary work around the city of Atlanta, where his last labors were performed, and where he laid down his devoted life—in West End, and on the East Side, and in other parts of the city—he saw the poor and fed them, the multitudes, and had compassion on them. At West End especially he distinguished himself, succeeding here in an enterprise where had been but little success before; he gathered a good congregation, established a good school, built a neat and substantial church, and left an enduring monument of his fidelity to his Master in the results of his labors, and in the hearts and lives of the people. He had similar hopes of success on the East Side, which he certainly would have realized had his life been spared. So he spent his last days in planning and building for God and in preaching the gospel to the poor of a populous city; and his pastoral visits in many obscure nooks and corners—bearing light and comfort to many homes—are still fruitful of good results, and are associated with the names of precious memory long to be cherished in the hearts and homes of those whom he so faithfully served. After receiving his last appointment—West End and Atlanta City Mission—he returned to his work full of burning zeal to be more useful than ever, and though he was hardly able to visit his field of labor during the winter, he still looked forward, hoping and planning for the year. During the last two months of his life—confined to his house, and suffering in body, his mind clear and rational, arranging all the details of his business—he calmly anticipated his coming change, and often expressed perfect confidence in his acceptance with God through the merits of Jesus Christ. The great trial of his heart in leaving those dear objects of his love—his wife and four young children—was borne with confidence in God's loving care and providence, and with perfect resignation. In the last weeks of his life—visited, nursed, comforted, and supported by pious friends and relatives and godly ministers—he was favored with all the comforts which Christian love and sympathy could offer; but, the best of all, God was with him.

Some three weeks before his death, calling his children around him, he affectionately counseled each one, and committed all to God. Among his latest words to his wife, brother, and friends, he would often whisper, "O how peaceful—it is all heaven! I have arranged all—I have given myself up entirely to God, and can say, 'Thy will be done!'" At another time he said, "I am so happy!" Even in the midst of severe paroxysms of pain he expressed great faith in the words of the psalmist: "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." So he died a peaceful and triumphant death, leaving his beloved wife and four children to the care of God and the Church. His funeral was solemnized by eminent ministers of the various Churches, and by appropriate services. A committee of ministers of the Preachers' Weekly Meeting of Atlanta, deploring his death, prepared the following resolutions, which were adopted, published, and whose expression of appreciation and sympathy doubtless represent the feeling of this whole Conference:

"WHEREAS, it has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove from the Church militant to the Church triumphant our beloved and honored co-laborer, and while we bow with unqualified submission to the divine will, yet we esteem it highly proper that we should in some way bear testimony to the worth of our brother, and at the same time express our sympathy for his sorrowing family: therefore,

"Resolved, That in the death of the Rev. Francis B. Davies the Atlanta Preachers' Meeting of the M. E. Church, South, has lost one of its most devoted and faithful members.

"Resolved, That we tender the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathies in this sad affliction, and commend them to that all-sufficient grace of God which so wonderfully sustained our brother through his severe and protracted affliction, and gave him glorious triumph in the hour of death."

JOSIAH LEWIS was born in Green County, Ga., December 31, 1808. He was converted to God at Union Church, in his native county, in 1823. On the 24th of May, 1836, he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Moore. By this marriage he had thirteen children. The cares and privations of his itinerant life were greatly alleviated by the providence and faithfulness of his good wife. She still survives him, and will justly share, by and by, the rewards of her glorified husband. Brother Lewis was admitted on trial into the Georgia Conference, held in Columbus, Dec. 13, 1836. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew, at the Conference held in Eatonton, Dec. 13, 1838, and by the same Bishop ordained elder in Macon, in January, 1841. The following were his appointments: 1837, Gainesville Circuit; 1838, Eatonton and Monticello Circuit; 1839, Warren Circuit; 1840-41, Sparta Circuit; 1842, Washington Circuit; 1843, Appling Cir-

cuit; 1844, Savannah; 1845, Augusta; 1846, Richmond Circuit; 1847, Wilkes's Circuit; 1848, Savannah District; 1849-51, Augusta District; 1852, Macon District; 1853, Sparta; 1854, Hancock Circuit; 1855, Eatonton Circuit; 1856, Sandersville Circuit; 1857, Warrenton; 1858-61, Augusta District; 1862-65, Macon District; 1866-70, Hancock Circuit; 1871-74, Griffin District; 1875, Warrenton. At the session of the North Georgia Conference held in Griffin, Dec. 6, 1875, he was superannuated, and was continued in this relation to the Conference until he died in Sparta on the 11th of June, 1881. Brother Lewis's early educational advantages were limited. He had a compact and logical mind, and was by nature endowed with an unusual amount of good common sense. Possessing remarkable powers of condensation, and being a constant and conscientious student of the Bible, he became a profound expositor of its sacred truths. There was a vein of quiet humor in him, which he, however, never indulged to excess; but it gave sprightliness to his conversation, and often to his sermons. His sermons were always pointed and practical. Though destitute of rhetorical embellishments, they never failed to command attention, and to produce deep convictions and lasting impressions. There were times when more than the usual measure of the spirit of prophecy rested upon him. On such occasions he was truly eloquent. His individuality was so marked that he had the reputation of being somewhat odd or eccentric. This individuality the Holy Ghost sanctified and made tributary to his efficiency and usefulness. A "dispensation of the gospel was committed unto him." The "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel" was ever a conscious fact with him. Being a man of great purity, he abhorred evil of every description, and was not disposed to palliate it in the high or the low. Being brave and independent, he was sometimes led to rebuke sin with such terrible force as to imperil his own personal safety. To meet all his preaching appointments promptly was a matter of conscience with him—not rain, nor heat, nor cold, kept him from them. In his social relations he was kind, genial, and considerate. He was remarkably free from indiscretions. His daily life, in a word, was an exemplification of the pure Christianity which he preached. In his own family-circle he was all that wife and children could desire. He made companions of his children, and exhibited true parental affection and most commendable wisdom by providing for them the best educational advantages. For seventeen of the thirty-nine years of his effective ministry he was presiding elder. To this office he was well adapted, and in it he found the field of his greatest usefulness. He did not overawe his preachers by his presence, for he showed by every word and deed that he regarded them as his true and worthy "yoke-fellows." His great, kind heart was always in full sympathy with them in all their labors, cares, and wants. His preachers all

believed that in the stationing-room they had a presiding elder who not only looked to the best interests of the Church at large, but one also who watched with fatherly care over their personal welfare and the welfare of their wives and little ones. In 1875 he had alarming premonitions of apoplexy. Though contrary to his wishes, upon the advice of his physicians he was superannuated. He had five distinct strokes of apoplexy. For many days before he died he was so paralyzed that he could not speak distinctly, but gave unmistakable evidence that he was happy in view of the end. The same faith that made him fearless of men and devils while he lived, made him fearless of death when he came to die. He died in great peace. Death to him was the "gate to endless joy."

JAMES BLANTON PAYNE was born February 5, 1800, in South Carolina, and died in the eighty-first year of his age on the 16th of May, 1881, at his home in Thomaston, Ga. While yet a boy he removed with his father to North Carolina, where he attained to manhood, and soon afterward he removed to Washington County, Ga., where he was married, April 1, 1823, to Miss Mary Martin. In the latter part of 1826 he professed conversion. Having made his profession in the morning, he led in public prayer on the night of the same day. At the first Quarterly Conference, at Sandersville, Ga., March 24, 1827, he appears as a class-leader. At the first Quarterly Conference, April 5, 1828, he was probably licensed to exhort. At the third Quarterly Conference, at Burney's Camp-ground, in Washington County, August 25, 1828, he was licensed to preach. At the fourth Quarterly Conference, Dec. 8, 1832, he was recommended to the Annual Conference, and had probably served in the latter part of that year as a supply on some circuit near his home. In January, 1833, at the Conference in La Grange (Bishop Andrew presiding), as a local preacher he was elected to deacon's orders. For 1833 he was appointed, probably as a supply, to a circuit composed of Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties; for 1834, to a work in Jones County, as a supply. His first appointment in the Conference appears for 1835, to Cedar Creek, Milledgeville District; for 1836, to a work in Houston County; for 1837, to Perry, Macon District; for 1838, to La Grange; for 1839, to La Grange and West Point; for 1840-41, Presiding Elder on Fort Gaines District; for 1842-43, to La Grange; for 1844-45, to Columbus; for 1846, to Macon; for 1847-48, to Newton Circuit; for 1849-51, to Madison Station; for 1852-55, Presiding Elder on Marietta District; for 1856-58, Presiding Elder on Augusta District; for 1859, to Wesley Chapel, Atlanta; for 1860, to Wesley Chapel and Colored Charge; for 1861, to Atlanta City Mission; for 1862, to Wesley Chapel, Atlanta, as supernumerary with W. J. Scott; for 1863-64, Presiding Elder on Rome District; for 1865, to Atlanta Colored Charge; for 1866, Presiding Elder on Atlanta District; for 1867,

to Atlanta City Mission. At the Conference held in Atlanta, Nov. 30, 1867, we find him superannuated, and remaining in this relation without regular work until 1873 inclusive. For 1874 he was appointed to Thomaston, Griffin District; for 1875-76, to Thomaston and The Rock; for 1877, to Culloden; for 1878, to Upson Circuit, bracketed with R. R. Johnson at Thomaston; for 1879, to Thomaston—his last regular work. At the close of that year he was superannuated, and in that relation he remained until he died. So he was an effective preacher, and in that relation to the Conference almost up to the time of his death. He survived all of his class, and continued to preach with unusual strength as long as he was able to go from home, not desisting from his own regular appointments until August, 1880, preaching his last sermon on the fifth Sabbath of that month, from Phil. iii. 7, at Thomaston, Upson County. He was a man of fine stature and physical conformation, and of strong constitution, inured to toil, and able to endure hardness as a good soldier. Well endowed by nature, his physical health and strength were well preserved by regular and strictly-temperate habits. His mental endowments corresponded with his physical man. With limited early advantages, but possessing a good judgment, a clear understanding, close observation, and accurate discrimination, with strong determinate power of will, his early disadvantages were largely overcome by reading, study, and application. He was a man of heart-power, having dignity and gravity without severity of manner. He was earnest and impressive, but gentle and tender of spirit, conscientious and firm, but not self-willed and arrogant in his positions. He commanded reverence and esteem in public, and in social life drew all hearts to him in the freedom of confidence. He was remarkably free from personal eccentricities and prejudices, and was charitable and considerate in respect to others. He had a nice perception of all the proprieties of life, and was kind and courteous to all. He was pure in heart and character, and blameless in his record. He lived for God, and had his conversation in heaven. He was powerful in exhortation, and prevailed with God in prayer. As a preacher, he loved and magnified his vocation. He made all things subservient to his ministry and subordinate to his calling. He was a diligent student of the Bible, and was apt and accurate in his quotations. Without much of the lore of the schools, he was wise in the Scriptures; without the technical skill of the logician, he was able and convincing; without the formal requisites of eloquence and rhetoric, he was moving and pathetic. He was clear in his expositions and forcible in his illustrations. His sermons were in the demonstration of the Spirit, and were winning and effective. He often spoke as with peculiar inspiration and revival power. Some of the greatest outpourings of the Holy Ghost in the State have been connected with his labors—especially the great revival of 1838, in La

Grange, continuing for weeks, and resulting in the conversion of five hundred souls, bringing in Pentecostal and permanent blessings on the country, giving a lasting impetus to Methodism in that section, and making that wonderful work of grace epochal in the history of the Church. In many places, as in La Grange, his name will be as precious ointment and perfume, rejoicing the hearts of those who will ever cherish affectionate memories of the man—his sermons, his exhortations, and prayers. Brother Payne spent much of his time upon districts as a presiding elder, and as such an office-bearer he honored the Church as everywhere else by his character and administration. He was kind and courteous, yet careful and strict in discipline—not mending, but conscientiously keeping and enforcing, the law. He was a strict constructionist, not tolerating even technical irregularities, but was careful of the feelings and views of his preachers. He endeared himself to his colleagues, and to the younger preachers he was as a father in counsel and care for their welfare and success. In his prime he was a forcible and vigorous writer, and in his contributions to the *Southern Christian Advocate* of thirty years ago, he came prominently before the Church as an advanced thinker, and though averse to controversy, and arraying honorable opposition, he maintained his views with ability and credit, and gave direction to popular sentiment and opinion, and magnified principles, which have their practical influence in the Church to-day. Though he never sought place or preferment, always esteeming others better than himself for positions of prominence, not thinking of himself more highly than he ought to think, yet his many virtues made him a man of mark, and as such he was wisely made a member of four General Conferences, where, in the councils of the committee-room more than on the floor of the Conference, he made his influence felt for good in a faithful and honest discharge of every duty. His old age was remarkably free from infirmities of either body or mind—"his bow abode in strength." The graces of spirit which characterized the prime of his manhood, without asperity or cynicism, were his to the last, mellowing and ripening with age. He maintained his mental vigor in a wonderful degree, and his pulpit services were eagerly sought after by the Churches of his neighborhood almost to the day of his death. We are not favored with much information as to his closing hours of life; nor, indeed, do we need it. Of the night before his death it is said he "slept well," and upon waking at dawn he said he "felt well," very well; and when he again fell into sleep, after a short time his granddaughter and his wife endeavored to rouse him; but, alas, their tender voices could not awake the sleeper, and his wife exclaimed, "Dear one, he is gone!" That voice finds responsive echoes wherever he was known. So fell asleep in Jesus another patriarch and father in Israel. Having lived well, he sleeps well in Jesus, and it is well with him forever.

Breathing out his life on a May morning at sunrise, his soul, calm and serene as the hour and season of his departure, doubtless ascended to a more rapturous sunrise of the glory of God, and a May-time of eternal life in heaven!

JOHN W. KNIGHT was born in Augusta, Ga., Nov. 4, 1808, and died in Milledgeville, April 10, 1881. His early surroundings were unfavorable to religious inclination; so he drifted along in the same current with his associates until at manhood he found himself borne into infidelity. Possessing a strong, inquiring mind, with a fondness for reading, he used such books as fell into his hands. Among them was Paine's "Age of Reason"—a book which did much to keep him away from Christ. His life and doctrines were in full harmony until he removed to Clinton in 1835. While living in that town he chanced to hear the preaching of the Rev. James B. Payne. The word was "quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." The infidel was convicted, and hastened to his room in the hotel to agonize in prayer until the peace of God filled his soul. The sudden change was complete—old things passed away. The quick, imperious temper was changed into the docility of a little child. The lion became a lamb. He who had gloried in sin now rejoiced in the God of his salvation. His conversion was so bright and clear that all who knew him had proof that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation." Not long after that event he felt moved to the holy work of the ministry, and was licensed to preach. He joined the Georgia Conference in Eatonton, December, 1838; was ordained deacon January, 1841, and elder, January, 1843. He gave all diligence to preparation for his vocation—his strong mind became well stored with treasures of knowledge drawn from the Bible, the standard books of the Church, and the best English classics. There was nothing of mannerism or dryness in his style. Religion found his mental character unique, and sanctified it. Original in his modes of thought before conversion, afterward he was none the less so. His sermons were natural utterances from a full heart, declaring the Lord's message to the hearts of the people—always earnest, and often beautiful in imagery, and luminous with scriptural illustration. With such gifts he became a power in the pulpit—at times terrific almost as Elijah, at other times persuasive as Apollos. He loved the annual meetings of the Conference. We have deeply mourned his absence from the last two sessions, not for the part he took in the business—for he was so diffident that he left that for others to manage—but for his prayers in the Conference-room and in the Church: then it was we felt the nearness of a praying man to the throne of God. His petitions were worthy of the patriarch who said, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." If he began in despondency, he would close in rapture. We miss his kindly greetings, so frank and ear-

nest, so full of affection for his brethren. His last days were exceedingly sad ones. The light of his bright intellect went out, with only an occasional lucid interval; but in that interval, true to his habit of conscientiousness, he would inquire, after his worst paroxysms, "Did I do any thing wrong? Did I commit any sin?" But now the sad days are ended. Long was his walk in the shadow of death, but he has walked out into the unclouded light of immortal bliss.

JOHN P. DUNCAN was born near Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 9, 1809, and died at Union Springs, Ala., May 14, 1881. In his early manhood he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in Greensboro, N. C. During the same year he was converted, and licensed as a preacher. He removed to this State, and joined the Georgia Conference, in Columbus, Dec. 8, 1836. For thirty-five years he was an effective traveling preacher, serving circuits, stations, and districts, thereby extending his labors into every section of Georgia. Few men in the State have been so widely and favorably known. At the Conference in Athens, in 1871, his failing eyesight made it proper that he should be placed on the superannuated list, and for nine and a-half years he sustained that relation to the Conference. But even then the loss of vision could not repress his itinerant ardor, for he traveled possibly more widely than before his eyesight failed. Brother Duncan had rare gifts and accomplishments for his work. He was a polished gentleman—fluent in conversation, elegant in his bearing, and exceedingly polite in society. Brotherly kindness made him gentle toward all men, deferential toward his equals, and thoughtfully attentive to inferiors. He always had a kind word for the servants in the homes he visited. His cheerful spirit, chaste thoughts, and extensive acquaintance with the best circle of polite literature, made him a delightful companion. His sweet songs, cheerfully rendered whenever asked for, have brought joy into many a sad heart. His visits in times of prosperity were as benedictions, and in days of affliction and sorrow his tender, sympathetic heart made him a "son of consolation." In preaching, he relied more on pathos than logic. He was more effective in direct appeals to the heart than in extended arguments. In his work, he expected results, and generally succeeded. In one year, on the Eatonton Circuit, he received six hundred members into the Church. Many other places shared in the success crowning his labors. For a long time he was a bright and shining light in the revival work in Georgia, and probably received more persons into the Church than any one who has joined our Conference in the last forty years. His gift of song—so delightful in the social circle—was often attended with remarkable power in the congregations at church and camp-meetings. Many a heart which had resisted the appeals of the pulpit broke down and melted under the song, the melody

of which flowed from the depths of his soul. His zeal was irrepressible. Most men as blind as he has been for years would have rested in helplessness; but we find him in active, useful work up to two weeks before his death. With steady, elastic step he walked on in the path of usefulness. As Chaplain of the Georgia Senate, as a lecturer on "The True, the Beautiful, and the Good," and as an evangelist, his hand only lost its cunning when it grew cold in death. His chief possession was loving, child-like trust in God. This gave power to the pathetic elocution of his sermons, breathed life into his songs, made his zeal sublime, and sustained him in the many days of sorrow through which he passed. He saw one after another of his family die, until the larger number of his children had been taken; but his faith did not fail—nor did it fail when his own change came, for the letters which informed us of his death told us that he died in the Lord.

WILLIAM H. WEAVER was born in Ashe County, N. C., Dec. 31, 1841; was converted while young; licensed to preach March 1, 1862; admitted on trial in the Holston Conference in 1866; and was received into full connection in 1868. He was married to Miss Charity Rogers, Dec. 15, 1870. His first appointment was a work in upper East Tennessee; but, on account of the feeling excited in that country against the ministers of our Church, during the period of Reconstruction, he was compelled to leave his work to save his life. From 1868 to 1876 he served the following circuits: Rheatown, Hayesville, Bakersville, Estillville, and Hayesville the second time. In December, 1877, he was transferred to the North Georgia Conference, and sent to the Hiwassee Mission, which he served two years, and was then sent to the Clayton Mission, where he was closing his second year when God called him up higher. He was an earnest and efficient minister. Loving to preach the gospel, he magnified his calling by preaching as often as opportunity was offered. His sermons were always clear and impressive, and sometimes truly eloquent. For years he had suffered from a depressing disease of the heart which at last resulted in his death. At the time of that event he was assisting in a camp-meeting near Hayesville, N. C., among his former parishioners. He preached at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and conducted the love-feast at 9 A.M., Monday, in which he was very happy, and said that he was willing to go whenever the Lord called him. On Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 11 A.M., he received nineteen persons into the Church in a very impressive manner, some of whom he baptized. He then preached an earnest sermon from the text, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." During the sermon he said, "I am striving, agonizing, to enter in, and I expect to reach heaven." At the close of the sermon he was very happy, and while the Rev. P. L. Stanton was following in exhortation, Brother Weaver arose, and, em-

bracing him, said: "We shall rest by and by." After laboring in the altar he ate dinner, and soon started for home, driving in a buggy. About one-half mile from the camp-ground his head was seen to fall to one side. Some friends ran to him, and lifted him from his buggy. He only breathed about twice after they reached him. Thus he died, realizing a wish often expressed by him—a desire that he might go to heaven from the pulpit. He has left to the loving care of the Church he so faithfully served his devoted wife and four fatherless children.

JOHN BLAKELY HOLLINSHEAD, son of the late Rev. Dr. Hollinshead, of Fort Valley, Ga., died at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Mark W. Johnson, of Kirkwood, near Atlanta, Nov. 25, 1881, aged about 28 years. He was converted before he was eight years of age, and joined the Methodist Church. He graduated at Emory College in the class of 1873. In that class, as well as among other fellow-students, he was a general favorite. If they had innocent pleasures, he was invited to attend them; or if sorrows fell to their lot, his was the kindly heart from which they expected sympathy. Leaving college, he engaged in commercial business in Atlanta, in which he continued with a good degree of success until about a year ago; then, under the call of the Holy Spirit, he resolved to turn away from the possibilities of worldly gain, and give himself wholly to the ministry of the gospel. Accordingly, about ten days before the Conference met in Rome, last December, he received license to preach and a recommendation for admission on trial. He was admitted, and appointed to the Whitesburg Circuit, in the La Grange District. A deep snow covered the country, and the weather was intensely cold when he arrived on his work. The family with which he was abiding saw him preparing for traveling in the snow, and when they asked, "Where are you going?" he replied, "I purpose walking to my first appointment." They procured a horse for him for that day, thus saving him a walk through the snow over unknown roads to the place of preaching. Such zeal gave promise of a future worthy of a successor of Asbury and his coadjutors. His subsequent labor was like its beginning—full of heroic devotion. He carried his work in his heart; he magnified it, and it possessed him. Through the months of winter, spring, and early summer, he went forth bearing precious seed, and rejoiced when the time of reaping came. In all of his Churches, save one, he held protracted-meetings, which were "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." At one of these, beginning Saturday before the first Sunday in August, he was quite unwell, but labored until the succeeding Friday evening, when he took his bed, and was never again able to arise from it. The fatigue in the harvest-field had been too great for him, and before many sheaves had been gathered God called him to

rest from his labors. He was a victim of typhoid fever, and for fifteen weary weeks his patience and gentleness did not fail. His only regret was about his work. "But," said he, "if God is satisfied with this short ministry of mine, then I am also." When asked as to his readiness for the future, he replied, "That is all right." Some days before his death—perfectly conscious of its nearness—he disposed of all he possessed, and arranged his affairs as calmly as if about to start on a pleasant journey. To his sister, who was weeping over him, he said, "My future is too bright for tears." Thus, just five days before our annual meeting, this consecrated young minister in resignation and holy triumph laid down his life, furnishing another blessed example of the triumph of Christianity over death.

THOMAS A. GILLESPIE was born in Troup County, Ga., on the 17th of May, 1852. His father removed to Heard County in 1853, where Thomas was reared to manhood. In 1872 he began the practical and useful life of a printer, and continued in that avocation until the autumn of 1873. He then returned to Harrisonville, Troup County, and there read and began the practice of medicine. He was convicted for sin under the ministry of the Rev. F. M. T. Brannon, at Asbury Church, Troup Circuit. In 1875 he made a profession of religion and attached himself to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His conviction was deep and strong, and his conversion clear and satisfactory. Having heard a sermon which convinced his judgment and aroused his conscience, he sought the solitude of the grove to read and pray; and having read John xiv., while upon his knees he sought mercy, and found a full and free pardon, and arose giving praise to God. In 1876 he returned to Heard County, and continued the practice of medicine. In 1877 he resumed the management of the *Franklin News*, and for three years labored earnestly and successfully in the interest of his paper, serving the public and doing good. In 1880, at Rome, Ga., he was admitted as a preacher on trial in the North Georgia Conference, and was assigned to the Heard Circuit for 1881. Here during the current year he labored faithfully and diligently until God called him hence. His early educational advantages were, perhaps, limited, but having a good order of mind, and being anxious to make himself useful according to his capacity, he strove to acquire knowledge and to form a good character. Having a strong social nature, he found himself in peril from his associations at times, even after his conversion; but, true to his better reason and conscience, he overcame his temptations, and was graciously strengthened in his purpose to redeem himself, and to make himself useful as a servant of God and the Church. For several years he was a consistent member of the Church, and a licensed exhorter for two years, using his office well, proving his gifts and

grace. When he applied for admission on trial in the Conference, his examination was satisfactory, and he impressed the committee favorably. When his name was called at this session of the Conference, his presiding elder, Dr. Potter, said of him: "He did his work well and faithfully, and added largely to his charge—overworking himself, perhaps, and so superinducing his sickness." His year's labor, so far as he was able to prosecute it, was successful. He had good meetings, and succeeded in building a new church on his work. At Flat Rock Camp-meeting, in Heard County, he preached well, and was happy and full of the Holy Ghost. His last sermon was preached on the second Sunday in October, with great liberty and fine effect. He had endeared himself to his people generally, and many spoke of him in the highest terms of appreciation and respect. He was regarded as a young man of promise, giving hope of much usefulness. He was patient and prayerful during his last illness, and though he desired to live longer in the service of his Master, he said he was ready to submit to God's will, and had no fears of death. A few days before his death he sung the beautiful hymn with the chorus, "O bless me now, my Saviour!" and was happy in the Saviour's love. On Saturday night before his spirit took its flight on Sunday, the 30th of October, his sister, who sat at his bedside, perceiving his pulse growing more faint, asked him if he would have some stimulant; he calmly replied, "I am going—there is no use to give it to me now." His sister said, "Going *where*, brother?" Pointing heavenward, he said with confidence, "To my eternal home!" So calmly passed away the young itinerant in the peace and hope of that gospel which he desired to preach to others, and whose saving power he illustrated in his brief ministerial life, and in his triumph over the "last enemy."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Athens District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Athens.....	339	.....	2
Oconee Street.....	314	.....	2
Athens Circuit.....	345	1	4
Oconee and Factory Mission.....	460	.....	1
Watkinsville.....	353	2	3
Monroe.....	265	.....	2
Rutledge.....	181	.....	.....
Morgan.....	302	.....	4
Madison.....	137	.....	.....
Greensboro.....	224	3	.....
Greene Circuit.....	227	.....	.....
White Plains.....	340	.....	1
Winterville.....	417	.....	2
Lexington.....	245	.....	1
Barnett.....	263	.....	1
Little River.....	250	.....	3
Washington.....	138	.....	.....

Athens District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Broad River.....	395	8	1
Lincoln.....	220	.....	2
Lincolnton.....	184	.....	.....
	5599	14	29

Atlanta District.

First Church.....	845	.....	4
Trinity.....	872	.....	4
Evans Chapel.....	505	.....	3
Payne's Chapel.....	507	.....	1
St. Paul.....	329	.....	1
Sixth Church.....	132	.....	1
City Mission.....	27	.....	1
Edgewood.....	151	.....	1
De Kalb Circuit.....	599	3	6
East Point.....	645	.....	4
Fulton Circuit.....	648	.....	2
Decatur.....	188	.....	1
Lithonia.....	650	1	1
Conyers.....	540	.....	5
Covington.....	158	.....	1
Oxford.....	532	.....	14
Social Circle.....	112	.....	1
Newberne.....	580	.....	3
	8020	4	54

Augusta District.

St. John's.....	443	.....	2
St. James's.....	646	.....	.....
Asbury.....	424	.....	.....
St. Luke's.....	145	.....	.....
Richmond.....	414	.....	2
Appling.....	391	.....	3
Harlem.....	412	.....	3
Belair.....	284	.....	2
Thomson.....	510	.....	5
Warrenton.....	530	.....	5
Sparta.....	199	.....	1
Hancock.....	554	.....	.....
Culverton.....	335	.....	2
Milledgeville.....	367	.....	1
Baldwin.....	263	.....	.....
Eatonton.....	200	.....	.....
East Putnam.....	345	.....	4
West Putnam.....	300	.....	.....
	6762	.....	30

Dahlonega District.

Dahlonega.....	275	4
Porter Springs Mission.....	444	.....	5
Cleveland.....	620	.....	9
Nacoochee.....	160	.....	.....
Clayton Mission.....	330	2	.....
Hwassee Mission.....	142	.....	.....
Blairsville Mission.....	491	1	8
Morganton Mission.....	158	.....	1
Ellijay Mission.....	369	2	1
Jasper.....	464	.....	1
Dawsonville.....	475	.....	7
	3928	5	36

Dalton District.

Dalton.....	262	4
Dalton Circuit.....	650	3	4
Spring Place.....	450	.....	3
Coosawattie Mission.....	221	.....	2
Tilton.....	447	.....	3
Calhoun.....	346	.....	2
Gordon.....	589	.....	2
Kingston.....	567	.....	4
Subigna.....	270	2	1
Summerville.....	733	.....	4
La Fayette.....	480	.....	2
McLemore's Cove.....	465	.....	3
Ringgold.....	227	.....	1
Tunnel Hill.....	198	.....	.....
	5905	5	35

Elberton District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Elberton.....	215	.....	2
Elbert.....	408	.....	3
Bethlehem.....	255	.....	2
Hartwell.....	509	1	.....
Danielsville.....	515	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	342	2	2
Mulberry.....	443	.....	4
Harmony Grove.....	357	.....	1
Homer.....	498	.....	2
Carnesville.....	518	.....	6
Clarksville.....	269	.....	2
Franklin Springs.....	287	.....	4
Lavonia Mission.....	122	.....	1
Belton.....	114	1	.....
	4852	4	29

Gainesville District.

Gainesville.....	356	.....	5
Hall.....	446	2	6
Flowery Branch.....	472	.....	8
Cumming.....	223	.....	4
Sawnee Mountain.....	398	2	4
Duluth.....	675	1	4
Alpharetta.....	694	.....	4
Roswell.....	254	.....	1
Cobb.....	406	.....	4
Cherokee.....	779	2	3
Canton.....	591	.....	11
Etowah Mission.....	330	.....	3
Norcross.....	690	.....	3
Lawrenceville.....	439	.....	2
Logansville.....	474	.....	1
	7227	7	63

Griffin District.

Griffin.....	440	1
Jonesboro.....	411	.....	1
Hampton.....	497	.....	2
Fayetteville.....	573	.....	5
McDonough.....	571	.....	.....
Milner.....	428	.....	1
Zebulon.....	510	.....	.....
Barnesville.....	280	.....	3
Upson.....	338	.....	2
Thomaston.....	650	.....	6
Culloden.....	310	.....	2
Forsyth.....	218	.....	.....
Forsyth Circuit.....	356	.....	3
Jackson.....	673	.....	1
Clinton.....	270	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	291	.....	1
Monticello.....	752	.....	4
	7668	.....	32

La Grange District.

La Grange.....	221	1
Troup.....	513	.....	3
Houston.....	400	.....	.....
Hogansville.....	460	.....	2
West Point.....	188	.....	1
Whitesville.....	409	.....	4
Greenville and Trinity.....	300	.....	.....
Meriwether.....	528	2	2
North Meriwether.....	220	.....	1
Senoia.....	433	.....	3
Grantville.....	510	.....	2
Newnan.....	257	.....	1
Newnan Circuit.....	454	1	3
Palmetto and Fairburn.....	248	.....	2
Fairburn Circuit.....	543	.....	3
Whitesburg.....	412	.....	1
Carrollton.....	188	.....	4
Bowden.....	676	.....	9
Franklin.....	398	.....	.....
Heard.....	202	.....	.....
	7560	3	42

Rome District.

Rome.....	415	5
De Soto.....	100	.....	3

Rome District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loos' Pr's.
De Soto Circuit.....	433	.....	1
South Rome.....	344	1	5
Forrestville.....	517	2	7
Cave Spring.....	334	.....	2
Cedartown.....	259	.....	2
Polk Mission.....	210	.....	1
Rockmart.....	395	.....	2
Cartersville.....	333	.....	6
Dallas.....	675	.....	2
Acworth.....	480	.....	5
Marietta.....	234	.....	4
Powder Springs.....	417	.....	1
Douglasville.....	577	.....	5
Villa Rica.....	500	.....	11
Buchanan Mission.....	315	.....	5
	6628	3	67

Recapitulation.

Athens District.....	5599	14	29
Atlanta ".....	8020	4	54
Augusta ".....	6762	.....	30
Dahlonega ".....	3928	5	36
Dalton ".....	5905	5	35
Elberton ".....	4852	4	29
Gainesville ".....	7227	7	63
Griffin ".....	7668	.....	32
La Grange ".....	7560	3	42
Rome ".....	6628	3	67
Total this year.....	64,149	45	417

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1657.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2678.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 645.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 4200.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 35,641.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$9,028.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$8,346 95. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$6,555 70; Domestic Missions, \$5,416 55. Total, \$11,972 25—besides \$2,122 20 by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? La Grange, Ga.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ATHENS DISTRICT.

George W. Yarbrough, P. E.

Athens, J. D. Hammond, C. A. Mitchell, Sup.
Oconee Street, D. J. Myrick.
Athens Circuit, J. V. M. Morris.
Watkinsville, H. J. Ellis.
Oconee Factory Mission, T. O. Rorie.
Winterville, W. L. Wooten, E. G. Murrah, Sup.
Lexington, W. F. Smith.
White Plains, D. D. Cox.
Greensboro, W. A. Fariss.
Madison, G. G. Smith.
Morgan, W. E. Shackelford.

Rutledge, G. S. Hanleiter.
Barnett, J. W. G. Watkins.
Little River, T. H. Gibson.
Washington, G. E. Gardner.
Broad River, C. A. Conaway.
Monroe, M. H. Eakes, A. Means, Sup.
Social Circle, D. F. C. Timmons.
Lincolnton, George E. Bonner.

ATLANTA DISTRICT.

Jesse Boring, P. E.

First Church, C. A. Evans.
Trinity and Pierce Chapel, T. R. Kendall.
Evans Chapel, H. C. Christian.
Payne's Chapel, F. G. Hughes.
St. Paul's, W. C. Dunlap.
Sixth Church, H. L. Crumley.
City Mission, W. R. Branham, sr.
Edgewood, R. J. Bigham.
De Kalb, J. B. Allen.
East Point, W. W. Oslin.
Fulton Circuit, to be supplied.
Decatur and Clarkston, W. D. Heath.
Lithonia, W. F. Quillian.
Conyers, D. L. Anderson.
Covington, W. F. Robison.
Oxford, J. L. Pierce, A. G. Haygood.
Newberne, E. A. Gray.
Norcross, J. R. Mason.
Orphans' Home, J. L. Lupo, Superintendent;
S. P. Jones, Agent.
Emory College, A. G. Haygood, President;
M. Callaway, I. S. Hopkins, Professors; W. P. Lovejoy, Agent.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

H. H. Parks, P. E.

St. John's, W. H. LaPrade.
St. James's, S. P. Richardson.
Asbury, A. C. Thomas.
St. Luke's, M. H. Dillard.
Richmond, J. E. England.
Appling, J. S. Embry.
Harlem, G. W. Duvall.
Belair, K. Read.
Thomson, T. H. Timmons.
Warrenton, W. T. Hamilton.
Sparta, W. A. Candler.
Hancock, F. P. Brown.
Culverton, O. C. Carey.
Milledgeville, G. H. Pattillo.
Baldwin, J. C. Davidson.
Eatonton, W. A. Dodge.
East Putnam, W. T. Caldwell.
West Putnam, M. J. Cofer.

DAHLONEGA DISTRICT.

W. R. Branham, jr., P. E.

Dahlonega, J. R. King.
Porter Springs, to be supplied.
Auraria, to be supplied.
Cleveland, to be supplied.
Hiwassee, W. T. Hamby.
Blairsville, E. I. Smith.
Morganton, J. J. Morgan.
Ellijay, R. B. O. England.
Dawsonville, Eli Smith.

Jasper, J. Rembert Smith.
Clayton Mission, P. L. Stanton, C. A. Jannison.
North Georgia Agricultural College, J. J.
Singleton, Professor.

DALTON DISTRICT.

J. F. Nixon, P. E.

Dalton, J. W. Lee.
Dalton Circuit, R. M. Hickey.
Spring Place, J. J. Harris.
Coosawattie, to be supplied.
Tilton, N. E. McBreyer.
Calhoun, B. E. L. Timmons.
Gordon, E. B. Rees.
Kingston, W. J. Cotter.
Subligna, M. H. Edwards.
Summerville, O. A. Thrower.
La Fayette, T. J. Edwards.
McLemore's Cove, R. L. Campbell.
Ringgold, W. J. Scott.
Tunnel Hill, N. H. Palmer.
Ringgold High-school, W. T. Laine, Principal.

ELBERTON DISTRICT.

W. D. Anderson, P. E.

Elberton, J. H. Baxter.
Elbert, W. T. Norman.
Bethlehem, A. G. Worley.
Hartwell, R. A. Seale.
Danielsville, O. B. Quillian.
Jefferson, H. S. Bradley.
Mulberry, E. H. Wood.
Harmony Grove, J. R. Parker.
Homer, J. N. Myers.
Carnesville, W. O. Butler.
Clarksville, W. W. Lampkin.
Franklin Springs, J. A. Timmerman.
Lavonia Mission, A. W. Quillian.
Belton, J. W. Baker.
Missionary to China, G. R. Loehr.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. A. Parks, P. E.

Gainesville, H. J. Adams.
Hall, R. P. Martyn.
Flowery Branch, B. Sanders.
Cunningham, J. T. Curtiss.
Chestatee, L. P. Winter.
Duluth, J. H. Mashburn.
Roswell, W. P. Smith.
Alpharetta, S. Leak.
Cobb, M. W. Arnold.
Cherokee, W. T. Bell.
Canton, W. M. D. Bond.
Lawrenceville, L. P. Neese.
Logansville, J. G. Worley.
Etowah, E. T. Hendrick.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

R. W. Bigham, P. E.

Griffin, J. E. Evans.
Jonesboro, T. S. L. Harwell.
Hampton, J. A. Rosser.
Fayetteville, I. G. Parks.
Brooks Station Circuit, G. W. Hardaway.
McDonough, G. W. Thomas.
Milner, J. B. McFarland.

Zebulon, J. T. Lowe.
Burnesville, L. J. Davies.
Upson, L. Rush.
Thomaston, A. Gray.
Culloden, R. W. Rogers.
Forsyth, A. M. Thigpen.
Forsyth Circuit, P. M. Ryburn.
Jackson and Butts's Mission, N. Z. Glenn, C.
V. Weathers.
Clinton, A. W. Williams.
Hillsboro, W. A. Rogers.
Monticello, J. M. Bowden, T. S. Hubert.

LA GRANGE DISTRICT.

W. F. Cook, P. E.

La Grange, C. Pope.
Troup, J. M. Lowery.
Houston, F. M. T. Brannon, J. P. Howell, Sup.
Hogansville, W. R. Foote, jr.
West Point, B. F. Fariss.
Whitesville, C. S. Owens.
Greenville and Trinity, J. D. Gray.
Meriwether, J. H. Daniel.
North Meriwether, J. T. Richardson.
Senoia, M. L. Underwood.
Grantville, J. A. Reynolds.
Newnan, W. W. Wadsworth.
Newnan Circuit, J. W. Quillian.
Palmetto and Fairburn, J. W. Roberts.
Fairburn Circuit, H. M. Newton.
Whitesburg, W. H. Speer.
Carrollton, J. S. Bryan.
Bowden, A. J. Hughes, F. D. Cantrell.
Franklin, E. K. Aiken.
Heard Mission, J. S. L. Sappington.
La Grange Female College, J. W. Heidt, President; P. A. Heard, Professor.
Missionary to China, Y. J. Allen.

ROME DISTRICT.

W. F. Glenn, P. E.

Rome, W. H. Potter.
De Soto, J. T. Gibson.
De Soto Circuit, J. L. Perryman.
South Rome, W. P. Rivers.
Forrestville, C. L. Pattillo.
Cave Spring, J. B. Robbins.
Cedartown, T. F. Pierce.
Polk Mission, to be supplied.
Rockmart, J. W. Stipe.
Cartersville, A. J. Jarrell, J. T. Norris, R. H.
Jones, Sup.
Dallas, S. D. Evans.
Sweetwater, W. G. Hanson.
Acworth, H. M. Quillian.
Marietta, T. A. Seals.
Powder Springs, R. R. Johnson.
Douglasville, G. C. Andrews.
Villa Rica, O. C. Simmons.
Buchanan Mission, to be supplied.
Paulding Mission, to be supplied.

J. A. Tardy transferred to Denver Conference.

D. J. Weems transferred to Arkansas Conference.

L. G. Johnson transferred to Little Rock Conference.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GRENADA, MISS., November 16-21, 1881.

BISHOP PAINE, *President*; JOHN BARCROFT, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. Calvert L. Ballard, J. H. Smith, George C. Stovall, James M. Barnes, Edward W. Tarrant, James H. Downing, George H. Hodge. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? John W. Anderson, William S. Shipman, Richmond P. Goar, Reuben C. Calloway, Elijah H. Rook, J. H. Hunter, Thomas W. Lewis, W. W. Dorman, Samuel D. Long, John M. Dunn, David D. Comfort, Richard H. Davis. 12.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? John A. Baker. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? John P. Young, Christopher C. Grisham, Jefferson M. Wyatt, Edward L. Spraggins, John W. Dorman, Henry L. Vaughn, James B. Johnson. 7.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? John W. Lowrance, from Kentucky Conference; Bascom T. Pearson, from Mississippi Conference; Joseph W. Poston, from Memphis Conference; Thomas J. Taylor, from Arkansas Conference. 4.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? E. H. Cacy, James M. Huggin, Henry B. Scruggs, Albert W. Gibson, H. R. Tucker, Wilbur F. Rozell, James Porter. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? C. C. Grisham, Edward L. Spraggins, J. W. Dorman. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? C. C. Grisham, E. L. Spraggins, J. W. Dorman. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? David D. Comfort, William M. Foster, James H. Hunter. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? D. D. Comfort, W. M. Foster, O. F. Hosea, J. W. Pittman. 4.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John H. Mitchell, John B. Adair, Carl M. Von Buren, Elias G. Kilgore. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. H. Mitchell, J. B. Adair, C. M. Von Buren, E. G. Kilgore. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? William T. Shell, John W. Pittman. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? W. B. Hull, W. T. Shell, J. W. Pittman, W. H. Eckles, J. M. Dunn. 5.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? P. J. Eckles, S. B. Carson, J. K. Morris, A. A. Houston, T. G. Freeman, W. S. Harrison, H. C. Parrott, W. J. Reeves, W. F. Rozell, W. L. Peebles, J. W. Bates, T. C. Parrish, J. E. Eggleston, J. O. Woodward, J. T. Cunningham. 15.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. P. Commander, W. E. Ellis, H. Williamson, K. Adams, E. J. Williams, L. H. Davis, George Shaeffer, G. D. Wade, W. C. Green, J. G. Carlisle, J. F. Truslow, W. Murrah, J. E. Douglass, John Barcroft. 14.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Rezin F. Waters. 1.

REZIN F. WATERS, son of Richard G. and Mary E. Waters, was born in Rockingham County, N. C., June 18, 1851; educated at McKenzie College, Tenn.; converted, and joined the M. E. Church, South; August, 1872; licensed to preach at McKenzie, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1875; admitted on trial in the North Mississippi Conference, November, 1877; received into full connection and ordained deacon at Water Valley, December, 1879, and died at Rosedale, Miss., Oct. 4, 1881. At Rosedale his labors began and ended—he having served that charge four consecutive years. His record as a man and a minister stands without a blot. A ministerial career so short was, perhaps, never more full and complete. Immediately after conversion he commenced his labors—holding prayer-meetings, class-meetings, and exhorting; and whatever his hands found to do he did with his might. He was a close student; and while he read much, he thought for himself, his mind acting slowly, but systematically and deeply. He was a fine English scholar, and knew much of the classics—and what he knew he knew thoroughly. His memory was strong and reliable. His preaching edified—was food for mind and soul. He never preached without studious and prayerful preparation. He closely studied and critically compared our standard authors, which toned his life and ministry. His conversion was clear, his faith strong, his principles sound and well defined, and herein lay his points of excellence. To be with him was often to feel the sigh knocking at the door of mercy for reconsecration. While dying, his

mind was clear, and he had much to say. He sent messages of love to loved ones, and gave minute instructions as to his business affairs, and then said: "I am ready. Afraid to die! No, no; I have been too long preparing. Glory be to the name of God! 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.' This is the most tranquil hour of my life. O is this really death?" The seat of one of our most pure and holy members is vacant. A gentleman upright in all things, a Christian of consistent and uncompromising piety, a friend true and loving, a husband and father of wondrous affection, patience, and tenderness, was he. A minister called, commissioned, and baptized of God, has tranquilly, triumphantly, gloriously died. That he died well we rejoice, but that he died our hearts are filled with no common sorrow.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Holly Springs District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Holly Springs Station.....	250	1
Holly Springs Circuit.....	190	.....
Pine Mountain Circuit.....	209	2
Byhalia Station.....	145	.....
Marshall Circuit.....	219	2
New Salem Circuit.....	255	2
Early Grove Circuit.....	180	.....
Ashland Circuit.....	150	.....
Wesley Circuit.....	180	2
Emory Circuit.....	306	.....
Snow Creek Circuit.....	185	1
Hickory Flat Circuit.....	319	1
Cornersville Circuit.....	331	.....
	2919	11

Sardis District.

Sardis Station.....	227	1
Como and Fredonia Station.....	105	.....
Harmony Circuit.....	371	2
Senatobia Station.....	107	.....
Lovetown Circuit.....	266	.....
Hernando and Coldwater Station.....	140	1
Horn Lake Circuit.....	130	1
Pleasant Grove Circuit.....	187	1
Cockrum Circuit.....	284	4
Chulahoma Circuit.....	280	2
Mount Vernon Circuit.....	275	1
Austin Station.....	60	.....
	2432	13

Grenada District.

Grenada Station.....	123
Grenada Circuit.....	350	2
Water Valley Station.....	184	.....
Wesley Chapel and Springdale Circuit.....	264	1
Coffeyville Circuit.....	299	1
Charleston Circuit.....	285	1
Batesville and Wesley Station.....	98	.....
Eureka Circuit.....	207	1
Panola Circuit.....	316	1
Oxford Station.....	140	.....
Oxford Circuit.....	392	1
Caswell Circuit.....	581	7
Banner Circuit.....	519	5

Grenada District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Pittsboro Circuit.....	418	6
Benela Circuit.....	300	4
	4576	30

Greenville District.

Greenville Station.....	73	2
Lake Lee and Leota.....	.....	.....
Deer Creek Circuit.....	128	1
Indian Village Circuit.....	36	.....
Bolivar Station.....	35	.....
Jonestown and Magnolia Station.....	76	.....
Jonestown Circuit.....	43	.....
Cherry Hill Station.....	27	.....
Clarksdale Station.....	40	.....
Friar's Point Station.....	57	.....
Rosedale Circuit.....	70	.....
Concordia and Australia Station.....	75	.....
Faison and Indian Bayou Station.....	79	1
Jones's Bayou Circuit.....	122	1
Burtonia Circuit.....	140	1
	1001	6

Winona District.

Winona and Vaiden Station.....	165
Winona Circuit.....	352	3
Carrollton Circuit.....	373	1
Black Hawk Circuit.....	506	4
West Station Circuit.....	234	2
Lexington Circuit.....	150	3
Richland Circuit.....	170	1
Newport Circuit.....	187	2
Attala Circuit.....	403	1
Kosciusko and Durant Station.....	225	1
Kosciusko Circuit.....	113	2
French Camps Circuit.....	496	4
Zilpah Circuit.....	432	1
Greenwood Circuit.....	110	.....
Walshall Circuit.....	362	7
	4278	32

Columbus District.

Columbus Station.....	243	1
Columbus Circuit.....	315	5
Crawfordville Circuit.....	190	.....
Brooksville Circuit.....	220	.....
Macon Station.....	160	.....
Hebron Circuit.....	174	.....
Shuqualak Circuit.....	112	2
Louisville Circuit.....	327	1
Webster Mission.....	242	3
Chester Circuit.....	404	.....
Starkville Station.....	275	.....
Starkville Circuit.....	265	1
West Point and Tibbee Station.....	186	1
La Grange Circuit.....	300	2
Laboucha Circuit.....	350	4
	3823	20

Aberdeen District.

Aberdeen Station.....	205
Okolona Circuit.....	324	.....
Okolona Station.....	99	.....
Verona and Tupelo Station.....	210	.....
Prairie and Paine Chapel Station.....	64	1
Buena Vista Circuit.....	360	3
Siloam Circuit.....	342	5
Houston Circuit.....	404	1
Pontotoc Circuit.....	333	1
Shannon Circuit.....	425	5
Richland Circuit.....	506	6
Saltillo Circuit.....	590	7
Fulton Circuit.....	425	6
Smithville Circuit.....	249	2
Quincy Circuit.....	400	1
	4939	33

Corinth District.

Corinth Station.....	158	1
Corinth Circuit.....	390	3
Iuka Station.....	97	2
Inka Circuit.....	610	5
Kossuth Circuit.....	338	.....
Blackland Circuit.....	457	2

Corinth District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Jonesboro Circuit.....	441	.....
Ripley and Blue Mountain.....	320	1
Rienzi and Boonville Station.....	205	2
Baldwyn Circuit.....	503	4
New Albany Circuit.....	416	3
Marietta Circuit and Mission.....	425	2
Bay Springs Mission.....	186	1
Burnsville Mission.....	172	4
	4718	30

Recapitulation.

Holly Springs District.....	2919	11
Sardis ".....	2432	13
Grenada ".....	4576	30
Greenville ".....	1001	6
Winona ".....	4278	32
Columbus ".....	3823	20
Aberdeen ".....	4939	38
Corinth ".....	4718	30
Total this year.....	28,686	180

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 606.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1381.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 277.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1387.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 11,581.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the supernannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,022. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$3,377 80; Domestic Missions, \$1,173 90. Total, \$4,551 70.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Corinth, Miss.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

T. W. Dye, P. E.

Holly Springs, J. M. Boon.
Holly Springs Circuit, W. J. O'Bryant.
Pine Mountain, J. W. Anderson.
Byhalia, G. C. Stovall, P. J. Eckles, Sup.
Marshall, S. W. Miller.
New Salem, J. T. Moody, J. K. Morris, Sup.
Early Grove, D. M. Cogdell.
Ashland, E. L. Spraggins.
Wesley, R. H. Davis.
Emory, L. D. Worsham, W. F. Rozell, Sup.
Snow Creek, J. J. Brooks, S. B. Carson, Sup.
Cornersville, C. C. Grisham.
Hickory Flat, C. L. Ballard.

SARDIS DISTRICT.

W. P. Barton, P. E.

Sardis and Davis's Chapel, J. D. Cameron.
Como and Fredonia, C. N. Terry.
Harmony, J. W. Luter.
Senatobia, A. P. Sage.

Lovetown, to be supplied.

Hernando and Coldwater, T. J. Harris.

Horn Lake, M. M. Dunn.

Pleasant Hill, T. W. Lewis, W. L. Peebles, Sup.

Cockrum, J. H. Brooks.

Chulahoma, R. M. Davis.

Mount Vernon, J. M. Wyatt.

GRENADA DISTRICT.

K. A. Jones, P. E.

Grenada, T. J. Newell.

Grenada Circuit, J. W. Poston.

Water Valley: Wood Street, J. W. Honnoll.

Wesley and Springdale, T. L.

Foster, T. G. Freeman, Sup.

Coffeeville, W. M. Adams.

Charleston, J. Porter.

Batesville and Wesley, D. C. Brown, J. W.

Bates, Sup.

Eureka, J. Ritchey.

Panola, B. B. Brown.

Oxford, J. W. Lowrance.

Oxford Circuit, B. F. Phillips, A. A. Houston, Sup.

Toccoola, J. M. Huggin.

Banner, D. C. Foust.

Sarepta, W. C. Lester.

Pittsboro, R. P. Goar, J. M. Hampton.

Benela, T. J. Lowry, J. M. Dunn.

University of Mississippi, J. J. Wheat, Professor.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

S. C. Stone, P. E.

Greenville, E. H. Moon.

Lake Lea and Leota, J. W. Price.

Deer Creek, T. B. Malone.

Rosedale, W. W. Dorman.

Bolivar, J. W. Dorman.

Jonestown and Magnolia, B. T. Pearson.

Belen, to be supplied.

Cherry Hill, R. C. Calloway.

Friar's Point and Austin, H. C. Morehead.

Indian Village, J. H. Smith.

Concordia and Australia, R. M. Standifer.

Faison and Indian Bayou, J. R. Roberson.

Jones's Bayou, W. L. Shipman.

Burtonia, to be supplied (by W. T. Shell), G. H. Hodge.

WINONA DISTRICT.

T. Y. Ramsey, P. E.

Winona and Vaiden, W. B. Murrah.

Winona Circuit, W. S. Lagrone.

Carrollton, J. S. Oakley.

Black Hawk, T. Cameron.

West, Q. A. Oats.

Lexington, A. J. Foster, T. C. Parrish, Sup.

Richland, J. F. Evans.

Newport, R. A. Burroughs.

Attala, G. W. Brown.

Kosciusko and Durant, S. M. Thames.

Kosciusko Circuit, T. A. S. Adams.

French Camps, A. W. Langley.

Zilpah, W. W. Williams.

Walthall, S. A. Ellis.

Minter City, J. D. Newsom.
Kosciusko Methodist High School, T. A. S. Adams.
Methodist High School, E. W. Tarrant.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

T. C. Wier, P. E.

Columbus, S. A. Steel.
Columbus Circuit, H. L. Vaughn, J. E. Eggleston, Sup.
Crawford, W. H. Armstrong.
Brooksville, H. D. Howell.
Macon, J. H. Scruggs.
Hebron, G. W. Gooch.
Shuqualak, J. H. Hunter.
Louisville, E. Johnson.
Webster Mission, E. H. Rook, J. O. Woodward, Sup.
Chester, E. H. Cacy.
Starkville, E. B. Ramsey, W. S. Harrison, Sup.
Starkville Circuit, J. C. Futrell.
West Point and Tibbee, T. Y. Ramsey, jr.
La Grange, W. R. Rainey.
Laboucha, G. W. Bachman.
A. and M. College, W. T. J. Sullivan.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Amos Kendall, P. E.

Aberdeen, R. P. Mitchell.
Okolona, J. P. Young.
Okolona Circuit, J. E. Thomas.
Verona and Tupelo, R. G. Porter.
Prairie and Paine Chapel, S. D. Long, J. T. Cunningham, Sup.
Buena Vista, E. G. Kilgore, H. C. Parrott, Sup.
Houston and Wesley, H. E. Smith.
Houston Circuit, B. F. Morris.
Pontotoc, A. W. Gibson.

Shannon, G. W. Gordon.
Richmond, H. R. Tucker.
Saltillo, J. B. Adair.
Fulton, J. M. Barnes.
Smithville, H. B. Scruggs.
Athens, H. B. Downing.
Aberdeen Female College, A. D. McVoy, President.

CORINTH DISTRICT.

J. B. Stone, P. E.

Corinth, J. A. Bowen.
Corinth Circuit, to be supplied (by K. M. Harrison).
Iuka, J. H. Mitchell.
Iuka Circuit, J. Johnson.
Kossuth, T. J. Taylor.
Blackland, J. McElhannon.
Jonesboro, D. D. Comfort.
Ripley and Bluc Mountain, D. L. Cogdell.
Rienzi and Boonville, J. B. Johnson.
Baldwyn, D. W. Babb.
New Albany, R. A. Ellis.
Marietta, to be supplied (by P. R. Hoyle).
Bay Spring Mission, to be supplied (by J. McDougal).
Burnsville, to be supplied (by W. I. Smith).

C. N. Von Buren transferred to St. Louis Conference.

P. P. Norwood transferred to West Texas Conference.

G. W. Boyls transferred to Arkansas Conference.

J. J. Fontaine and N. R. Hamer transferred to Western Virginia Conference.

D. D. Moore transferred to Memphis Conference.

G. H. Day transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GREENVILLE, TEXAS, November 30—December 6, 1881.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; H. A. BOURLAND, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Flem. S. Jackson, Thomas L. Miller, James O. Armstrong, Thomas W. Morton, Charles J. Sherwood, William T. Ayres, Daniel D. Duncan, Houston P. Shrader, Pleasant L. Smith, Martin T. Rodgers. 10.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? W. H. Stevenson, James A. Stafford, William A. Copledge, F. M. Sherwood, Charles A. Emmons, Leander L. Pickett, Ferdinand Miller, W. L. Griffith. 8.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? J. W. Murphy. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Jacob T. Stanley, E. C. De Jernett, J. W. Blackburn, P. C. Bryce, J. W. Horn, J. O. Shanks, Joseph A. Jester, R. S. Gorsline, Samuel C. Riddle, E. W. Alderson, J. A. Wyatt, J. A. Allison, C. I. McWhirter. 13.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? F. C. Pier-son, B. H. Bounds, J. M. Langston, Thomas B. Norwood. 4.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? William Hay, R. R. Nelson, John R. Allen, James S. Smith, George J. Nunn. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? J. W. Lively, C. B. Fladger, E. S. Williams, James H. Shaw. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? E. C. De Jernett, J. W. Blackburn, P. C. Bryce, J. W. Horn, J. O. Shanks, J. A. Jester, R. S. Gorsline, Samuel C. Riddle. 8.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? E. C. De Jernett, Jacob T. Stanley, J. W. Blackburn, P. C. Bryce, J. W. Horn, J. O. Shanks, J. A. Jester, R. S. Gorsline, Samuel C. Riddle, L. L. Pickett, W. L. Griffith. 11.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John W. Goodgion, James B. Bennett, Wilson C. Wood, William T. Ayres, D. W. Yeager, Samuel H. Allison, Flem. S. Jackson, James B. Whittenburg, W. C. Crawford, Solomon Irick, J. W. Davenport, J. T. Dunford, J. F. McElhanan, J. J. Coppage, F. O. Miller, W. J. Jackson. 16.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John W. Goodgion, James B. Bennett, Wilson C. Wood, William T. Ayres, D. W. Yeager, Samuel H. Allison, Flem. S. Jackson, James B. Whittenburg, W. C. Crawford, Solomon Irick, J. W. Davenport, J. T. Dunford, J. F. McElhanan, J. J. Coppage, F. O. Miller, W. J. Jackson. 16.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? S. Crutchfield, J. A. White, S. W. Jones, B. T. Hayes, E. W. Alderson. 5.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? S. Crutchfield, John A. White, Samuel W. Jones, B. T. Hayes, E. W. Alderson. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Thomas L. Miller, John E. Vinson, Peter Day. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Thomas L. Miller, John E. Vinson, Peter Day. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? A. C. Moyer. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. M. Stephenson, John H. Reynolds, S. Armstrong, A. H. Brewer, W. K. Duff, W. E. Bates. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. W. Fields, W. P. Reed, J. C. Randall, C. J. Cock, J. B. Rabb, A. Cumming, James Graham, C. E. Lamb, John Beverley. 9.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? J. W. P. McKenzie, John W. Piner, M. C. Simpson, I. N. Craven. 4.

J. W. P. MCKENZIE was born in Burke County, N. C., April 26, 1806. At a tender age he was put to school, and evinced a great love of books and a precocious intellect. When fourteen years of age, he was matriculated at the University of North Carolina. Two years thereafter he was sent to the University of Georgia, located at Athens. Here he gradu-

ated with distinction, and for awhile filled the chair of Ancient Languages in his *Alma Mater*. From Athens he went to Gainesville, Ga., and taught successfully for two years. His health failing, he returned to the mountains of North Carolina. On the 29th of September, 1829, he wedded Miss Matilda H. Parks. In 1831 he emigrated to Maury County, Tenn. Up to this time he had been quite irregular in his religious life. Here he was thoroughly awakened, and soon after fully restored to divine favor, and regularly licensed to preach. In 1836 he united with the Tennessee Conference, and was transferred to the Arkansas Conference. Having failed to reach the seat of the Conference, he met Bishop Morris in Little Rock, and was ordained deacon, and sent as a missionary to the Choctaw Indians. He served in this capacity for three years, and reported many accessions. In 1841 he took a supernumerary relation, and opened school in November, near Clarksville, Texas, with sixteen pupils, and presided over the college for thirty years. Having closed his labors in the McKenzie College in 1871, he was soon after called to preside over Marvin College, but the weight of years necessitated his abandonment of this position at the end of one year, and he returned to his old home at McKenzie College to spend the evening of life. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1866, and received the doctorate from Emory College, Georgia, in 1878. With this sentence upon his lips, "Gone to a fairer world than this," at 5:50 A.M., June 20, 1881, he sweetly breathed his last.

JOHN W. PINER was born in Oldham County, Ky., February 27, 1820. In his nineteenth year he became the subject of converting grace and joined the Methodist Church. Very soon thereafter he was appointed class-leader and to act as steward, in which relations he served the Church thirteen years. He was duly licensed to preach in 1852, and was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference. In this Conference he labored for seven years. In 1861 he was readmitted to the East Texas Conference. In 1862 he commanded a company in the Confederate Army. In 1865 he was appointed Presiding Elder for Paris District, and served four years. In 1869-70 he was on the Honey Grove Circuit; located in 1871; readmitted 1872, and appointed to the Paris Circuit; in 1873, to Rockston Circuit; returned to Honey Grove Circuit in 1874-75; to Lodi-na Circuit in 1876-77; Agent for Honey Grove High School in 1878-79. His health having failed, he was placed upon the supernumerary list, and calmly awaited his release from the sufferings of earth, which event took place on the 26th of February, 1881.

MARSHALL C. SIMPSON was a native of Tennessee. He came to Texas about 1851. He was converted in Cherokee County soon afterward; was licensed to preach in 1853, and joined the East Texas Conference the same

year. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Pierce in 1855, and an elder by Bishop Kavanaugh in 1857. During this year he married Miss Julia Broils. At the time of his death he had been, with the exception of two years, a traveling preacher for twenty-seven years. Brother Simpson was a firm, faithful man of God, a Christian from principle, and a Methodist in practice. He died at his residence in Kaufman County, in December, 1880. His body rests in the old graveyard at College Mound, and his spirit with God.

ISAAC N. CRAVEN was born in North Carolina, August 15, 1806. He removed to the State of Georgia when quite young. In his early youth he professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church; was licensed to preach in 1832, and became a member of the Florida Conference in 1847. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Morris, December 17, 1837, and an elder by Bishop Soule, February 9, 1845. He emigrated to Texas, and united with the East Texas Conference, in 1867. He removed to Grayson County, and joined the North Texas Conference, and died a member of the same, August 6, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years, lacking six days. Brother Craven was an acceptable, useful minister, a faithful Christian man, and died respected and beloved.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Jefferson District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Kellyville Circuit.....	452	.....
Linden Circuit.....	178	2
Jefferson Station.....	145	2
Atlanta Circuit.....	290	4
Queen City Circuit.....	370	4
Dangerfield Circuit.....	372	1
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	312	3
Coffeeville Circuit.....	356	4
Boston Circuit.....	277	3
Texarkana Station Mission.....	128	1
Texarkana Circuit.....	113	.....
Beldon Mission.....	58	.....
	3051	24

Paris District.

Paris Station.....	240	1
Paris Circuit.....	523	2
Honey Grove Circuit.....	264	4
Honey Grove Station.....	151	4
Dodd City Circuit.....	411	3
Dover Circuit.....	175	.....
Ladonia Circuit.....	400	4
Cooper Circuit.....	397	5
Blossom Prairie Circuit.....	271	1
Woodland Circuit.....	350	2
Wayland Circuit.....	356	2
Clarksville Circuit.....	267	1
Annona Circuit.....	233	.....
	4038	29

Sherman District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Sherman Station.....	212	4
Sherman Circuit.....	324	3
Denison Station Mission.....	50	1
Denison Circuit.....	167	4
Whitesboro Circuit.....	284	2
Dexter Circuit.....	442	8
Gordonsville Circuit.....	226	1
Pilot Point Station.....	309	2
Collinsville Circuit.....	392	4
Bonham Circuit.....	336	1
Fannin Circuit.....	340	6
Savoy Circuit.....	171	4
Pilot Grove Circuit.....	356	8
Van Alstyne Circuit.....	300	3
	3909	51

Gainesville District.

Gainesville Circuit.....	330	6
Gainesville Station.....	109	1
Bolivar Circuit.....	230	4
Marysville Circuit.....	309	4
Denton Circuit.....	195	4
Denton Station.....	127	3
Decatur Circuit.....	550	7
Rosston Circuit.....	540	7
Montague Circuit.....	396	3
St. Joe Circuit.....	270	4
Henrietta Mission.....	90	2
Newport Mission.....	223	3
Wichita Mission.....	57	2
	3426	50

Dallas District.

Lamar-street Station.....	411	5
Floyd-street Station.....	141	2
Cochran and Caruth Circuit.....	182	1
Plano Circuit.....	316	3
McKinney Station.....	99	1
McKinney Mission.....	238	.....
Honey Creek Circuit.....	300	2
Bethel Circuit.....	454	6
Little Elm Mission.....	88	.....
Grapevine Circuit.....	365	5
Grand Prairie Circuit.....	227	1
Grapevine Springs Circuit.....	209	2
Lewisville Circuit.....	438	4
	3468	32

Terrell District.

Terrell Station.....	211
Wills's Point Station.....	155	2
Kaufman Circuit.....	396	4
Able Springs Circuit.....	300	2
Pleasant Grove Circuit.....	236	4
Caddo Mission.....	47	.....
Farmersville Circuit.....	419	6
Rockwall Circuit.....	538	6
Trinity Circuit.....	260	3
Seyene Circuit.....	372	5
Forney Circuit.....	231	2
	3165	34

Sulphur Springs District.

Sulphur Springs Station.....	284	3
Sulphur Springs Circuit.....	417	6
Sulphur Bluff Circuit.....	520	6
Greenville Station.....	148	.....
White Rock Circuit.....	418	6
Lone Oak Circuit.....	270	5
Winnsboro Circuit.....	414	2
Pittsburg Station.....	150	4
Leesburg Circuit.....	.....	.....
Emory Circuit.....	212	2
Gilmer Circuit.....	240	.....
Winn's Mission.....	65	1
	3138	35

Recapitulation.

		Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Jefferson	District.....	3051	24
Paris	"	4038	29
Sherman	"	3909	51
Gainesville	"	3426	50
Dallas	"	3468	32
Terrell	"	3165	34
Sulphur Springs	"	3138	35
Total this year.....		24,195	255

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1080.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1556.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 186.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1256.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 10,355.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,785 25.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,505. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$2,496 80; Domestic Missions, \$2,386 25. Total, \$4,883 05.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Gainesville, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

JEFFERSON DISTRICT.

Richard Lane, P. E.

Jefferson Station, W. D. Montcastle.
Kellyville Circuit, J. F. Sherwood.
Linden Circuit, F. S. Jackson.
Atlanta Circuit, L. L. Pickett.
Queen City Circuit, D. F. Fuller.
Dangerfield Circuit, J. W. Lively.
Mount Pleasant Circuit, W. W. Horner.
Coffeeville Circuit, C. A. Emmons.
Boston Circuit, T. J. Milam.
Texarkana Station, A. J. Worley.
Texarkana Mission, W. A. Coppedge.
Bible Agent, W. D. Shea.
Douglasville High School, E. M. Sweet.

PARIS DISTRICT.

L. B. Ellis, P. E.

Paris Station, John R. Allen.
Paris Circuit, J. H. Shaw.
Brookston Mission, I. N. Crutchfield.
Honey Grove Station, J. F. Corbin.
Honey Grove Circuit, J. A. Wyatt.
Dodd City Circuit, W. H. Moss.
Ladonia Circuit, H. J. Harris.
Cooper Circuit, W. A. Shook.
Blossom Prairie Circuit, J. C. Weaver.
Woodland Circuit, R. G. Rainey.
Rosalie Circuit, A. C. McDougald.
Clarksville Circuit, W. C. Blair.
Annona Circuit, F. C. Pierson.
Bible Agent, R. G. Sewell.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Sherman Station, H. A. Bourland.
East Sherman Mission, to be supplied.
Sherman Circuit, W. F. Clark, J. H. Reynolds,
Sup.
Bell's Circuit, D. M. Proctor.
Bonham Station, D. J. Martin.
Bonham Circuit, N. A. Keen.
Fannin Circuit, P. P. Reece.
Denison Station, C. I. McWhirter.
Pottsboro Circuit, R. Gorsline.
Gordonsville Circuit, J. B. Smith.
Whitesboro Circuit, R. J. Deets.
Pilot Point Station, T. E. Sherwood.
Van Alstyne Circuit, W. R. Manning.
Honey Creek Circuit, L. P. Smith.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. C. Haistip, P. E.

Gainesville Station, P. C. Archer.
Gainesville Circuit, R. R. Nelson.
Mountain Spring Circuit, F. M. Sherwood.
Dexter Circuit, L. F. Palmer.
Dexter Mission, M. T. Rogers.
Marysville, S. Crutchfield.
Rosston, R. N. Brown.
Decatur Circuit, T. B. Norwood.
Decatur Station, E. C. De Jernett.
Bolivar Circuit, E. S. Williams.
Denton Station, T. R. Pierce.
Denton Circuit, J. P. Armstrong.
Onaga Circuit, J. W. Blackburn, W. E. Bates,
Sup.
Denton Institute, E. D. Pitts, Principal.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT.

M. C. Blackburn, P. E.

Montague Circuit, W. M. Robbins.
Henrietta Mission, H. P. Shroeder.
Newport Circuit, T. W. Morton.
Chicot Circuit, J. W. Horn.
Queen's Peak Mission, F. O. Miller.
Archer Mission, D. D. Duncan.
St. Joe Circuit, M. W. Shearer.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

R. M. Power, P. E.

Lamar Street, W. H. Hughes.
Floyd Street, J. W. Hill, S. Armstrong, Sup.
Cochran and Caruth, L. P. Lively.
Plano, J. W. Chalk.
McKinney Station, J. Clarke Smith.
McKinney Circuit, H. H. Sullivan.
Bethel Circuit, W. S. May.
Grapevine Circuit, L. M. White.
Grapevine Springs Circuit, G. S. Gatewood.
Lewisville Circuit, M. H. Cullum.
Roanoke Circuit, B. F. Hayes.
Bible Agent, Z. Parker.
Dallas Female College, J. S. Smith, President;
G. J. Nunn, Professor.
South-western University, John H. McLean,
Vice-regent and Financial Agent.

TERRELL DISTRICT.

W. C. Young, P. E.

Terrell Station, W. G. Connor.
 Wills's Point Station, S. C. Riddle.
 Able Springs Circuit, J. B. Harris.
 Pleasant Grove Circuit, J. L. Angel, J. A. Stafford.
 Farmersville Circuit, O. P. Thomas.
 Rockwall Circuit, B. H. Bounds, A. H. Brewer, Sup.
 Trinity Circuit, P. L. Smith.
 Seyene Circuit, James McDugal.
 Forney Circuit, C. B. Fladger.
 Kaufman Circuit, F. A. Rosser.
 Pilot Grove Circuit, W. H. Stevenson.
 Whitewright Circuit, T. L. Miller.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

M. H. Neely, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Station, W. F. Easterling.
 Sulphur Springs Circuit, J. H. White.
 Sulphur Bluff Circuit, William Hay.

Greenville Station, E. W. Alderson, W. K. Duff, Sup.
 Kingston Circuit, J. T. Stanley.
 Lone Oak Circuit, S. W. Jones.
 Reily Springs Circuit, S. H. Renfro.
 Winnsboro Circuit, W. L. Griffith.
 Pittsburg Station, I. S. Ashburn.
 Leesburg Circuit, W. T. Ayres, J. M. Stephenson, Sup.
 Emory Mission, C. J. Sherwood.
 Gilmer Circuit, S. J. Hawkins.

P. C. Bryce transferred to West Texas Conference.

G. W. Horn transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

W. W. Bridwell transferred to East Texas Conference.

J. A. Allison and J. A. Jester transferred to Denver Conference.

J. O. Shanks transferred to Indian Mission Conference.

D. P. Haggard transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, *November 16-22, 1881.*

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; F. P. RAY, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Jere. Reese, W. J. Lemmons, Seth Ward, James T. Simpson, W. A. Wood, J. B. Wood, Andrew Anderson, Wm. Walker, James H. Wiseman, R. W. Wellborne, John A. Gardner, Robert F. Dunn, Abram Long, Asbury P. Hightower, John B. Hawkins, J. M. Baker, B. F. Badgett. 17.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? James M. Lewis, W. A. Gilleland, R. M. Morris, W. F. Packard, J. M. Montgomery, D. C. Strange, G. S. Wyatt, B. J. H. Thomas, J. D. Scoggins, J. M. Shuford, Rush McDonald, J. W. Dickinson, J. F. Swofford, J. A. Wallace, W. J. Bloodworth, J. T. Bloodworth, W. R. Bond, G. H. Day. 18.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Stephen J. Vaughan (at his own request), J. S. Graves. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. C. Brodie, M. K. Little, C. J. Shutt, T. J. Hosmer, C. W. Daniel, W. H. Lefevre, D. C. Starke, J. H. Trimble, S. B. Ellis, H. C. Trammell, T. J. Blackburn, J. A. Wallace. 12.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Willis T. Gravis, W. E. Woodard, E. T. Bates. 3.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? R. M. Baker, from East Texas Conference; J. R. Dunn and E. C. Finley, from Texas Conference; R. McDonald, T. J. Bloodworth, and W. J. Bloodworth, from North Texas Conference; G. H. Day, from North Mississippi Conference. 7.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? J. W. Carson, G. W. Owens, J. T. Tunnell, E. A. Smith, L. H. Trimble, G. W. Riley, J. B. Womack, J. W. Kizziar, J. C. S. Baird. 9.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? W. C. Brodie, C. W. Daniel, W. H. Lefevre, D. C. Starke, J. A. Wallace, J. H. Trimble, S. B. Ellis, C. Rowland, C. G. Shutt, E. C. Finley. 10.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? C. G. Shutt, C. W. Daniel, W. H. Lefevre, D. C. Starke, C. Rowland, J. A. Wallace, J. H. Trimble, S. B. Ellis, E. C. Finley, W. C. Brodie. 10.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Henry T. Hart, Peter W. Timp, M. L. Hallenbeck, J. H. Maxon, G. W. McDuffey, Daniel P. Newsome, Leander Painter, William Blackburn, Alfred B. Roberts, R. W.

Wellborne, R. T. Short, John A. Eddleman, John B. Hawkins. 13.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Henry T. Hart, Peter W. Tipp, M. L. Hallenbeck, J. H. Maxon, George W. McDuffey, Leander Painter, William Blackburn, Alfred B. Roberts, Richard W. Wellborne, Robert Short, John A. Eddleman, John B. Hawkins. 12.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. G. Putman, J. T. L. Annis, W. L. Nelms, J. H. Collard, jr., J. J. Canafax, L. S. Chamberlain. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Josiah G. Putman, Jerome T. L. Annis, Willie L. Nelms, Josephus J. Canafax, Louis S. Chamberlain. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? John M. Porter, Farwell B. Badgett, William M. Taylor. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? F. B. Badgett. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? W. J. McAnally. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? F. P. Ray, John Powell, M. L. Martin, J. J. Shirley, James Hiner, S. S. Yarbrough. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. W. B. Allen, R. Crawford, H. W. South, J. W. Walkup, John Carpenter, James Peeler, M. Yell, J. M. Johnson, J. P. Stanfield. 9.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? J. R. White, T. W. Hines, C. N. McGuire, J. T. Perry, J. P. Sneed. 5. (No memoirs.)

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of E. T. Kahn, who was dropped from the roll.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? White members, 28,760; local preachers, 340. (The details are too imperfect to be printed.)

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1498.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1713.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 228.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1494.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 11,526.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,250.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,057 44. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$3,050; Domestic Missions, \$2,294. Total, \$5,344.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Cleburne, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WACO DISTRICT.

Thomas Stanford, P. E.

Waco Station, J. D. Shaw.
Waco Circuit, E. R. Barcus.
East Waco Circuit, R. M. Baker.
Marlin Circuit, J. S. Tunnell.
Kosse Circuit, Samuel Morris.
Mount Vernon Circuit, J. W. Hunton.
Bremond Circuit, C. S. McCarver.
Calvert and Hearne Circuit, J. W. Dickinson.
Bosqueville Circuit, B. F. Gassaway.
Wheelock Circuit, W. K. Turner.
West Falls Circuit, S. J. Franks.
Big Creek Mission, H. T. Hart.
Headville Circuit, J. M. Lewis.
Waco Female College, Samuel P. Wright, President.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

G. W. Graves, P. E.

Georgetown Station, to be supplied (by A. A. Allison).
Round Rock Circuit, W. T. Melugin.
Rockdale and Cameron Circuit, J. Campbell.
Cameron Circuit, J. H. Collard, jr.
San Gabriel Circuit, W. W. Henderson.
Davilla Circuit, N. F. Law.
Salado Circuit, Andrew Anderson.
Blackland Circuit, H. C. Trammell.
Belton Station, W. H. Vaughan.
Liberty Hill Circuit, E. A. Bailey.
Milano Circuit, William Walker.
Cornhill Circuit, J. S. Lane.
Belton Circuit, J. Parker.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

J. Mackey, P. E.

Corsicana Station, R. H. H. Burnett.
Corsicana Circuit, M. K. Little.
West Corsicana Circuit, Seth Ward.
Wortham Circuit, F. B. Badgett.
Dresden Circuit, J. P. Hulse.
Mount Calm Circuit, Samuel Weaver.
Groesbeck Circuit, H. M. Glass.
Personville Circuit, to be supplied.
Jewett Circuit, S. C. Vaughan.
Centreville Circuit, J. T. Simpson.
Buffalo Circuit, G. R. Bryce.
Fairfield Circuit, W. L. Andrews.
Mexia Circuit, R. C. Armstrong.
Ash Creek Circuit, W. J. Lemons.
Chatfield Circuit, F. M. Winburne.
Centreville High School, J. F. Follin, Principal; W. L. Andrews, Financial Agent.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

H. Bishop, P. E.

Fort Worth Station, John A. Murphy.
Fort Worth Circuit, C. G. Shutt, J. J. Shirley, Sup.
Arlington Circuit, G. S. Wyatt.
Village Creek Circuit, D. C. Starke.
Marystown Circuit, J. J. Davis.
Alvarado Circuit, W. D. Robinson.
Grand View Circuit, J. T. L. Annis.
Cleburne Station, W. L. Nelms.
Nolan Circuit, D. C. Strange.

Itaka Circuit, J. W. Carson.
Hillsboro Circuit, G. W. Swofford, J. H. Wiseman, Sup.
Whitney Circuit, J. A. Wallace.
Superintendent Church Extension, J. S. McCarver.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

W. Price, P. E.

Weatherford Station, J. B. Allison.
Weatherford Mission, J. M. Jones.
Acton Circuit, B. F. Stone, R. H. Adair.
Cartersville Circuit, E. W. Simmons.
Springtown Circuit, P. H. Fishburne.
Whitt Circuit, W. M. Goode.
Mineral Wells Station, I. N. Reeves.
El Dorado Circuit, J. F. Swofford.
Jacksboro Circuit, Jere. Reese, J. Powell, Sup.
Graham Station, J. G. Putman.
Salt Hill Circuit, J. Grant.
West Fork Mission, J. A. Gardner, M. L. Martin, Sup.
Colporteur American Bible Society, J. A. Clark.

EASTLAND DISTRICT.

J. K. Lane, P. E.

Granbury Station, L. S. Chamberlain, J. Hiner, Sup.
Lipan Circuit, J. B. Hawkins.
Glen Rose Circuit, E. T. Bates.
Paluxy Circuit, W. V. Jones.
Palo Pinto Mission, T. J. Blackburn.
Ranger Mission, J. D. Scoggins.
Eastland Mission, Marion Mills.
Breckinridge Mission, T. G. Gilmore.
Graham Mission, A. P. Hightower.
Seymour Mission, J. T. Hosmer.
Caddo Mission, Abraham Leng.
Granbury High School, J. W. Kizziar, Agent.

STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT.

A. Davis, P. E.

Stephensville Circuit, J. P. Mussett.
Stephensville Station, W. F. Packard.
Carlton Circuit, H. J. McQuary.
Iredell Circuit, W. L. Harris.
Clifton Circuit, M. B. Johuston.
Jonesboro Circuit, R. V. Galloway.
Gatesville and Coryell Circuit, O. M. Addison.
Station Creek Circuit, S. S. Scott.
Bosque River Mission, J. F. Hines.
Crawford Circuit, J. H. Trimble.
Duffau Circuit, to be supplied.
Stephensville District High School, F. C. Stephenson; R. V. Galloway, Agent.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT.

C. H. Ellis, P. E.

Lampasas and Burnett, W. H. Lefevre.
Lampasas Circuit, Cornelius Rowland.
South Gabriel Circuit, B. J. H. Thomas.
Burnett Mission, R. M. Morris.

Rockvale Circuit, J. M. Shuford.
Llano Mission, J. T. Graham.
San Saba Mission, J. W. Montgomery.
San Saba Station, Rush McDonald.
San Saba Circuit, J. Farmer.
Senterfitt Mission, to be supplied.
Plum Creek Circuit, R. J. Perry.
Hinson Creek Circuit, W. R. Bond.
Sugar Loaf Circuit, O. A. Shook.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.

W. R. D. Stockton, P. E.

Comanche Circuit, W. C. Brodie.
Brownwood Circuit, J. C. S. Baird.
Blankett Mission, W. A. Gilleland.
Bibb Mission, R. W. Wellborne.
Coleman Mission, C. W. Daniel.
Runnels Mission, J. W. Bloodworth.
Williams's Ranch Mission, J. D. Crockett.
Centre City Mission, B. A. Wood.
Hamilton Mission, J. J. Cannafax.
Pecan Circuit, J. T. Bloodworth.
Fort Chadbourne Mission, J. B. Wood.
Superintendent Church Extension, P. W. Gravis.

BELL PLAINS DISTRICT.

A. K. Miller, P. E.

Bell Plains and Abilene, G. W. Riley.
Callahan Mission, H. C. McQuown.
Caddo Peak Mission, James Baker.
Rising Star Mission, L. F. Collins.
Lytle Gap Mission, W. F. Graves.
Sipe Springs Mission, G. F. Fair.
Colorado Mission, R. F. Dunn.
Buffalo Gap, J. B. Womack.
Fort Griffin, L. H. Trimble.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

C. E. Brown, P. E.

Oak Branch Circuit, S. B. Ellis.
Irene Circuit, E. L. Armstrong.
Ennis and Glenwood Circuit, Wm. Vaughan.
Reagor Circuit, E. A. Smith.
Ennis Circuit, G. H. Day.
Ennis Station, M. H. Wells.
Ferris Circuit, J. S. Davis.
Wesley and Jintown Circuit, G. W. Owens.
Lanaster and Prairie Valley Circuit, H. B. Henry.
Waxahachie Circuit, J. Fred Cox.
Waxahachie Station, L. M. Lewis, S. S. Yarbrough, F. P. Ray, Sup.
Fort Sill, H. S. P. Ashby.
Sunday-school Agent, A. D. Gaskill.
Marvin College, J. A. Walkup, Agent.

J. R. Allen transferred to North Texas Conference.

W. R. Robinson transferred to Columbia Conference.

W. E. Weaver transferred to Texas Conference.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

HELD AT PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA, September 28—October 3, 1881.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; L. C. RENFRO, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Matthew J. Gough, William H. Layson, William H. Cooper. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? C. C. McVeigh, T. A. Miller, at his own request. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? J. F. Roberts, J. C. C. Harris, Henry Neate, J. T. Howard. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Clinton Clenny. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Albert R. Reams, Alonzo L. Paul. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? J. F. Roberts, Henry Neate, J. T. Howard. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? J. F. Roberts, Henry Neate, J. T. Howard. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? James H. Duncan. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? James H. Duncan. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Charles Luce. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Charles Luce. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? M. McWhorter, C. C. Wright. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? T. D. Clanton, H. M. McKnight. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? J. M. Lovell, B. C. Howell, Ira Taylor, J. Porter, S. W. Davies. 5.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

San Francisco District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
San Francisco.....	106	.....	2
Oakland.....	50	.....	.....
Sacramento Station.....	63	.....	2
Stockton.....	20	.....	.....
Woodbridge.....	90	.....	.....
Galt.....	67	.....	.....
Mountain View.....	84	.....	.....
Santa Clara.....	62	.....	2
San Jose.....	139	.....	4
Gilroy.....	65	.....	.....
Hollister.....	70	.....	1
Salinas.....	67	.....	.....
Tres Pinos.....	35	.....	.....
Isleton.....	21	.....	.....
Oak Hill.....	.....	.....	.....
Dry Creek.....	.....	.....	.....
	939	.....	11

Santa Rosa District.

Santa Rosa.....	171	3
Santa Rosa Circuit.....	91	.....	.....
Petaluma.....	85	.....	.....
Hendalsburg.....	135	.....	2
Anderson Valley.....	69	.....	.....
Upper Lake, Potter & Long Valleys	111	.....	3
Lakeport.....	74	.....	1
Rockville.....	71	.....	.....
Elmira.....	35	.....	.....
Winters.....	103	.....	1
Dixon.....	40	.....	.....
Ukiah.....	193	.....	3
	1178	.....	13

Colusa District.

Colusa.....	165	1
Yuba City.....	94	.....	.....
Wheatland.....	46	.....	.....
Anderson.....	89	.....	2
Biggs.....	20	.....	.....
Chico.....	65	.....	.....
Chico Circuit.....	25	.....	.....
Fall River.....	.....	.....	.....
Tehama.....	66	.....	4
Willows.....	16	.....	.....
Bear River.....	32	.....	.....
Princeton.....	67	.....	.....
Arbuckle.....	40	.....	1
Maxwell.....	175	.....	1
Knight's Landing.....	114	.....	.....
Elk Creek.....	20	.....	.....
Orland.....	45	.....	.....
Millville.....	79	.....	2
North Butte.....	.....	.....	.....
	1158	1	10

Visalia District.

Visalia.....	97	1
Lemore.....	80	.....	.....
Hopeton and Snelling.....	21	2	.....
Merced.....	96	.....	.....
Mariposa.....	88	4	.....
Antelope.....	63	.....	1
Fresno.....	253	.....	2
Woodville.....	70	.....	.....

Visalia District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Sonora.....	36	.....	.....
Linden.....	110	.....	1
Modesto.....	38	.....	.....
Los Banos.....	35	.....	.....
Madeira.....	36	.....	2
Kingsburg.....	70	.....	3
Eureka.....	.....	.....	.....
	1093	6	10

Recapitulation.

San Francisco District	939	.....	11
Santa Rosa "	1169	.....	13
Colusa "	1158	1	10
Visalia "	1093	6	10
Total this year.....	4359	7	44

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 134.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 147.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 80.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 349.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 3445.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$693 80. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$456 16; Domestic Missions, \$696 15. Total, \$1,152 31.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? San Francisco, Cal.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.

F. M. Featherstun, P. E.

San Francisco Station, J. C. Simmons.
 Sacramento, T. H. B. Anderson.
 Stockton, J. T. Howard.
 Woodbridge, B. H. Russell.
 Gault, F. M. Staten.
 Mountain View, C. Chamberlin.
 Santa Clara, S. Brown.
 San Jose, George Sim.
 Gilroy, R. F. Allen.
 Hollister, T. C. Barton.
 Salinas City, W. M. Winters.
 Tres Pinos, J. S. Hutton.
 Isleton, to be supplied.
 Oak Hill, to be supplied (by F. M. Odom).
 Oakland, W. H. Layson.
 Nashville *Christian Advocate*, O. P. Fitzgerald, Editor.

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT.

W. J. Mahon, P. E.

Santa Rosa Station, C. Y. Rankin.
 Santa Rosa Circuit, W. H. Cooper.
 Petaluma, A. L. Hunsaker.
 Healdsburg, J. S. Clarke.
 Anderson Valley, E. H. Robertson.
 Upper Lake, Potter Valley, and Long Valley,
 D. T. Belvel.
 Lakeport, J. K. P. Price.
 Rockville, L. C. Renfro.
 Elmira and Pleasant Valley, M. B. Sharrow.
 Winters, T. L. Duke.
 Ukiah, W. F. Compton, L. D. Hargis, Sup
 Pacific Methodist College, W. A. Finley, President.

COLUSA DISTRICT.

James Kelsay, P. E.

Colusa Station, T. A. Atkinson.
 Yuba City, L. R. Featherstun.
 Wheatland, G. H. Newton.
 Anderson, A. L. Paul.
 Biggs, J. F. Roberts.
 Chico, J. W. Atkinson.
 Chico Circuit, Clinton Clenny.
 Williams and Elk Creek, J. M. Ward.
 Penn Valley, J. C. C. Harris.
 Princeton, G. W. Humphreys, H. M. McKnight, Sup.
 Arbuckle, M. C. Field.
 Maxwell, A. Odom.
 Knight's Landing, J. G. Shelton.
 Millville, to be supplied (by Martin V. Howard).
 Orland, J. M. Overton.
 Red Bluff, W. H. Howard.

VISALIA DISTRICT.

J. C. Hyden, P. E.

Visalia, P. F. Page.
 Lemoore, M. J. Gough.
 Merced, B. F. Burris.
 Mariposa, R. A. Sawrie.
 Antelope, to be supplied (by S. W. Spear).
 Fresno, I. L. Hopkins.
 Woodville, A. R. Reams.
 Sonora, Henry Neate.
 Linden, J. M. Alsanson.
 Modesto, J. C. Pendergrast.
 Los Banos, J. Hedgpeth.
 Madeira, J. H. Neal.
 Kingsburg, to be supplied (by M. J. Law).
 Oakdale, J. Grewell.

John Wood transferred to Los Angeles Conference.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA, *December 14-19, 1881.*BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; W. C. POWER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Matthew M. Brabham, Jesse E. Rushton, John E. Beard, John C. Chandler, William A. Betts, Preston B. Jackson. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Thomas B. Boyd, N. Bowen Clarkson, Allen A. Gilbert, William M. Hardin, John W. Neely, Thomas McB. White. 6.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Marion Dargan, James G. Graham. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? J. Walter Daniels, James M. Fridy, Alexander W. Moore, Thomas E. Morris, William H. Wroton, Philip A. Murray. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? George W. Walker. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? William R. Richardson, Jas. W. Browne. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? J. Walter Daniels, Thomas E. Morris, Philip A. Murray, William H. Wroton. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? J. Walter Daniels, Thomas E. Morris, Philip A. Murray, William H. Wroton. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? George S. Pelzer, Edward B. Loyless, Noah S. Younginer, Lemuel A. White, Robert A. Brock, Elbert W. Ballenger, John Nelson Wright. 7.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Noah S. Younginer, Lemuel A. White, Robert A. Brock, John Nelson Wright, Robert Stork. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. Thomas Pate, James S. Porter, J. William Tarbourx, Wm. P. Meadors. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. Thomas Pate, James S. Porter, J. William Tarbourx, William P. Meadors, Allison B. Lee, H. B. Browne. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? James W. Murray. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Thos. Mitchell. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Robert W. Barber, Lewis M. Hamer, Benjamin M.

Boozer, Jephthah C. Counts, W. L. Pegues, William A. Clarke. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? D. D. Byars, M. A. Connolly, D. Derrick, John Finger, J. R. Little, M. A. McKibben, T. W. Munnerlyn, A. Nettles, I. J. Newberry, W. C. Patterson, L. Scarboro, John Watts, Hugh A. C. Walker. 13.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Duncan J. McMillan. 1.

DUNCAN J. McMILLAN died October 6, 1881. Born of Scotch-Presbyterian parents, he was in infancy dedicated to God by baptism in that Church. During early manhood, however, he became attached to Methodism. His educational advantages having been limited in his boyhood, when he attained to manhood he, together with three others about his own age, employed a competent teacher at their own expense, under whom they studied the higher English branches and Latin. At twenty-seven years of age he was converted to God, and immediately united with the Methodist Church. The following May he was licensed to exhort, and eighteen months after was licensed to preach. He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in 1861, and maintained his connection with it for twenty years. He was one year on a mission among the colored people, fourteen years on circuits, and four years on stations. He was one year in the superannuated relation. Brother McMillan had great decision of character. His opinions were deliberately formed, and he resolutely adhered to them. Always cheerful, and possessing a fine voice in speech and in song, he shed gladness wherever he moved. Naturally enough, he had many friends and admirers, impressing all with whom he was associated as a man of God. As a preacher, he was dignified, earnest, clear, and impressive. A few years ago it became apparent that he was the victim of that insidious disease, consumption; yet he labored on energetically and hopefully. But at the Conference in 1880 he was forced to ask for a superannuated relation. It was during this period of confinement and suffering that his piety, as a bruised flower, exhaled its richest fragrance. Several times just prior to his death he had unusual manifestations of

the Divine Presence, which cheered and comforted him in his downward progress to the grave. He triumphed over the last enemy, and, with the assurance that all was well, he sweetly fell asleep.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Charleston District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Charleston: Trinity.....	462	.....
Bethel.....	366	3
Spring Street.....	313	1
Cainho Circuit.....	316	2
Berkeley Circuit.....	348	3
St. Stephen's Mission.....	95	.....
Summersville Station.....	56	.....
Cypress Circuit.....	682	3
St. Paul's Mission.....	26	.....
St. George's Circuit.....	709	.....
Bamberg Circuit.....	378	1
Colleton Circuit.....	392	1
South Branchville Circuit.....	333	.....
Walterboro Circuit.....	668	2
Yemassee Circuit.....	158	2
Allendale Circuit.....	330	.....
Black Swamp Circuit.....	260	.....
Hardeeville Circuit.....	180	.....
	5974	18

Orangeburg District.

Orangeburg.....	204	1
Orangeburg Circuit.....	288	2
Branchville Circuit.....	342	1
Providence Circuit.....	535	.....
St. Matthew's Circuit.....	311	.....
Lewisville Circuit.....	218	1
Orange Circuit.....	342	3
Edisto Circuit.....	662	3
Graham Circuit.....	385	2
Williston and Blackville Circuit.....	186	.....
Langley Circuit.....	191	1
Graniteville and Vanceluse Cir. and Miss..	136	.....
	3800	14

Columbia District.

Columbia: Washington Street.....	230
Marion Street.....	216	1
City Mission.....	35	.....
Columbia Circuit.....	267	.....
Ridgeway Circuit.....	555	.....
Winnboro and Black Stocks.....	133	1
Fairfield Circuit.....	548	4
Chester Station.....	106	.....
Chester Circuit.....	447	.....
East Chester Circuit.....	425	1
Rock Hill Circuit.....	531	.....
Fort Mill Circuit.....	216	2
Yorkville Station.....	295	.....
Lexington Fork.....	391	1
Lexington Circuit.....	226	1
Edgefield Circuit.....	339	2
Johnson Circuit.....	307	1
Batesburg Circuit.....	483	.....
Gilbert Hollow Circuit.....	275	1
Richland Fork Circuit.....	339	.....
	6464	15

Sumter District.

Sumter Station.....	97	1
Sumter Circuit.....	367	1
Spring Hill and Kershaw Circuit.....	500	1
Bishopville Circuit.....	244	.....
Manning Station.....	167	.....
Forreston Circuit.....	262	.....

Sumter District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Santee Circuit.....	400	2
Camden Station.....	146	.....
Hanging Rock Circuit.....	316	.....
Lancaster Circuit.....	270	.....
Chesterfield Circuit.....	883	.....
Zoar Circuit.....	481	2
Lynchburg and St. Luke's.....	141	1
Wedgfield Circuit and Mission.....	240	1
	4514	9

Florence District.

Florence Station.....	112
Darlington Station.....	89	.....
Society Hill Circuit.....	338	1
Cheraw Station.....	115	1
Darlington Circuit.....	558	2
Lower Darlington.....	429	3
Timmons Circuit.....	405	1
Mars' Bluff Station.....	127	1
West Marion Circuit.....	304	.....
Effingham Circuit.....	307	.....
Williamsburg Circuit.....	327	.....
Seranton Mission.....	59	2
Johnsonville Circuit.....	729	3
Georgetown Station.....	205	.....
Georgetown Circuit.....	500	1
Black River Circuit.....	380	1
Kingsree Station.....	94	.....
Clarendon Circuit.....	496	1
	5574	17

Marion District.

Marion Station.....	277	1
North Marlboro Circuit.....	468	4
Bennettsville Circuit.....	1029	3
South Marlboro Circuit.....	820	2
Little Rock Circuit.....	468	2
Mullinsville.....	862	3
Marion Circuit.....	682	6
Conwayboro Station.....	100	.....
Conwayboro Circuit.....	571	3
South Conwayboro Circuit.....	311	2
Bucksville Station.....	84	.....
Waccamaw Circuit and Mission.....	357	1
	6029	27

Spartanburg District.

Spartanburg Station.....	418	.....
Spartanburg Mission.....	128	.....
Union Station.....	147	.....
Cherokee Springs.....	539	.....
Cane Creek Circuit.....	208	.....
Jonesville Circuit.....	550	.....
Limestone Spring Circuit.....	312	1
Glendale and Cowpens.....	418	1
Goshen Hill Circuit.....	205	1
Laurens Circuit.....	251	.....
North Laurens Circuit.....	515	1
Clinton Circuit.....	183	.....
Belmont Circuit.....	507	.....
Campobella Circuit.....	264	1
Pacolet Circuit.....	383	.....
York Circuit.....	301	.....
	5329	5

Cokesbury District.

Cokesbury Station.....	147	2
Cokesbury Circuit.....	548	1
Abbeville Station.....	110	.....
Abbeville Circuit.....	419	.....
South Abbeville Circuit.....	421	1
Lowndesville Station.....	227	.....
Tumbling Shoals Circuit.....	441	1
Greenwood Circuit.....	366	.....
North Edgefield Circuit.....	251	1
Newberry Station.....	135	1
Newberry Circuit.....	714	1
North Newberry Circuit.....	214	.....
Saluda Circuit.....	572	2
	4566	10

Greenville District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Greenville Station.....	294	.....
Greenville Circuit.....	593	2
Reidville Circuit.....	591	1
North Greenville.....	506	1
Fork Shoals Circuit.....	199	.....
Williamston Circuit.....	436	1
Anderson Station.....	146	.....
Anderson Circuit.....	309	2
West Anderson Circuit.....	460	1
Pendleton Circuit.....	551	2
Pickens Circuit.....	741	3
Seneca City Circuit.....	296	.....
Walhalla Circuit and Mission.....	455	2
	5267	15

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Charleston District.....	5974	.....	18
Orangeburg ".....	3800	.....	14
Columbia ".....	6464	.....	15
Sumter ".....	4514	.....	9
Florence ".....	5574	.....	17
Marion ".....	6029	.....	27
Spartanburg ".....	5329	.....	5
Cokesbury ".....	4566	.....	10
Greenville ".....	5267	.....	15
Total this year.....	47,517	.....	130
Total Colored.....	.....	200	.....

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1922.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1245.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 558.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 3419.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 25,499.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4,679 24. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$5,007 50; Domestic Missions, \$5,269 50. Total, \$10,277.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Greenville, S. C.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

W. P. Mouzon, P. E.

Trinity, A. C. Smith.
Bethel, E. J. Meynardie.
Spring Street, Dennis J. Simmons.
Cainhoy, J. M. Fridy.
Berkeley, R. H. Jones.
St. Stephen's Mission, to be supplied (by J. W. Murray).
Summerville, G. W. Walker.
Cypress, W. H. Lawton.
St. Paul's Mission, to be supplied.
St. George's Circuit, W. S. Wightman.
Bamberg, T. E. Wannamaker.
Colleton, M. H. Pooser.

South Branchville, D. Tiller.

Round O, S. D. Vaughan.

Walterboro, C. C. Fishburne.

Yemassee, L. C. Loyal.

Allendale, M. M. Brabham.

Black Swamp, J. L. Sifley.

Hardeeville, to be supplied (by E. B. Loyless).

Southern Christian Advocate, Samuel A. Weber,
Editor.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

M. Brown, P. E.

Orangeburg, W. R. Richardson.

Orangeburg Circuit, J. B. Platt.

Branchville, N. K. Melton.

Providence, W. D. Kirkland.

St. Matthew's, F. Auld.

Lewisville, J. A. Clifton.

Orange, R. R. Dagnall.

Edisto, G. H. Pooser, J. E. Rushton.

Edisto Mission, M. M. Ferguson.

Graham, J. L. Shuford.

Williston and Blackville, J. B. Massebeau
(one to be supplied).

Langley, J. J. Neville.

Graniteville and Aiken, S. Leard.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

A. M. Chreitzberg, P. E.

Washington Street, R. N. Wells.

Marion Street, J. L. Stokes.

City Mission, L. M. Little.

Columbia Circuit, J. W. Dickson, E. G. Price.

Ridgeway, G. W. Gatlin.

Winnboro and Black Stocks, G. J. Griffiths.

Fairfield, A. J. Cauthen.

Chester, G. T. Harmon.

Chester Circuit, J. M. Boyd.

East Chester, J. B. Campbell, R. W. Barber,
Sup.

Rock Hill, J. C. Stoll.

Fort Mill, W. W. Williams.

Yorkville, R. P. Franks.

Lexington Fork, H. W. Whitaker.

Lexington Circuit, J. E. Watson.

Batesburg, P. F. Kistler.

Saluda Mission, to be supplied.

Johnson's, W. A. Rogers.

Edgefield, J. A. Mood.

Columbia Female College, O. A. Darby, Pres-
ident.

Chaplain to Penitentiary, W. Martin.

SUMTER DISTRICT.

T. G. Herbert, P. E.

Sumter, H. F. Chreitzberg.

Sumter Circuit, W. W. Mood.

Spring Hill and Kershaw, Reuben L. Duffie.

Bishopville, A. W. Moore.

Manning Station, H. M. Mood.

Forreston, T. B. Boyd.

Santee, J. S. Beasley.

Camden, D. D. Dantzler.

Hanging Rock, W. H. Ariail.

Lancaster, J. W. Wolling.

Chesterfield, C. D. Rowell.

East Lancaster, J. W. Ariail.
 Lynchburg and St. Luke's, George H. Wells.
 Wedgefield and Mission, J. C. Chandler.
 Shiloh, W. A. Betts.
 Clarendon, C. P. Phillips.

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

S. H. Browne, P. E.

Florence, W. S. Martin.
 Darlington, W. T. Capers.
 Society Hill, S. Jones.
 Cheraw, E. T. Hodges.
 Darlington Circuit, J. W. McRoy.
 Lower Darlington, J. T. Kilgo.
 Timmons ville, N. B. Clarkson.
 Mars' Bluff, A. J. Stafford.
 West Marion, W. Carson.
 Effingham, A. C. LeGette.
 Williamsburg, J. C. Davis.
 Seranton Mission, H. J. Morgan.
 Johnsonville, A. W. Jackson.
 Georgetown, D. Z. Dantzer.
 Georgetown Circuit, to be supplied (by D. DuRant).
 Black River, J. S. Porter.
 Kingstree, T. E. Gilbert.
 Missionary to Brazil, J. W. Koger.

MARION DISTRICT.

T. Raysor, P. E.

Marion, A. H. Lester.
 Centenary, J. W. Humbert.
 Britton's Neck, D. W. Seale.
 North Marlboro, T. E. Morris, W. L. Pegues, Sup.
 Bennettsville, J. W. Murray, J. E. Beard.
 Clio, J. C. Bissell, L. M. Hamer, Sup.
 Little Rock, S. J. Hill.
 Mullinsville, T. J. Clyde, T. M. White.
 Conwayboro Station, J. T. Pate.
 Cool Spring, to be supplied (by W. B. Baker).
 Lake Swamp, B. G. Jones.
 Bucks ville, J. J. Workman.
 Waccamaw Circuit and Mission, A. B. Lee

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

J. M. Carlisle, P. E.

Spartanburg, J. T. Wightman.
 Spartanburg City Mission, J. F. Smith.
 Union, J. A. Porter.
 Cherokee Springs, W. H. Wroton, J. W. Tarburx.
 Cane Creek, J. A. Wood.
 Jonesville, J. K. McCain.

Gaffney City, L. A. Johnson.
 Glendale, A. P. Avant.
 Goshen Hill, A. W. Walker.
 Laurens, A. C. Walker.
 North Laurens, P. A. Murray.
 Clinton, W. M. Hardin.
 Belmont, J. B. Wilson.
 Campobella, to be supplied (by R. A. Brock), B. M. Boozer, Sup.
 Pacolet, J. H. Zimmerman, I. J. Newberry, Sup.
 York, A. Irvine.
 Vanderbilt University, A. M. Shipp, Professor.
 Wofford College, W. Smith, W. W. Duncan, Professors.
 Sunday-school Secretary, R. C. Oliver.

COKE SBURY DISTRICT.

C. H. Pritchard, P. E.

Cokesbury, W. Thomas.
 Cokesbury Circuit, J. W. Kelly, one to be supplied.
 Abbeville, R. L. Harper.
 Abbeville Circuit, J. W. Browne.
 South Abbeville, W. W. Jones.
 Lowndesville, M. L. Banks.
 Tumbling Shoals, W. H. Kirton.
 Greenwood, William C. Power.
 North Edgefield, W. P. Meadors.
 Newberry, R. D. Smart.
 Newberry Circuit, A. J. Stokes, J. W. Neely, J. C. Counts, Sup.
 North Newberry Circuit, Allen A. Gilbert.
 Saluda, J. B. Traywick.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

S. B. Jones, P. E.

Greenville, J. O. Willson.
 Greenville Circuit, H. B. Browne.
 Reidville, G. M. Boyd.
 North Greenville, L. F. Beaty.
 Fork Shoals, J. W. Daniels.
 Williamston, L. Wood.
 Brushy Creek, to be supplied (by W. A. Hodges).
 Anderson, J. E. Carlisle.
 Anderson Circuit, J. Attaway.
 West Anderson, J. F. England.
 Pendleton, W. Hutto.
 Pickens, S. P. H. Elwell.
 Seneca City, P. B. Jackson.
 Walhalla, C. D. Mann.
 Williamston Female College, Samuel Lander, President.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT COLUMBUS, GA., *December 7-11, 1881.*BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; STEPHEN D. CLEMENTS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Ozias G. Mingledorff, David F. Riley, James M. Lovett, Joshua B. Griner, Bascom S. Sentell, Henry C. Brewton, Bascom Anthony. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William C. Davis, William J. Robertson, John G. Harrison. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Charles C. Wright (at his own request). 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? John T. Lowe, Lyman H. Green, W. D. McGregor, Joseph Langston, Robert W. MacDonell. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Charles T. Bickley. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. R. Crowder, from North Texas Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? J. J. Ansley, H. A. Hodges, George W. Matthews. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Lyman H. Green, William D. McGregor, Ozias G. Mingledorff. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Lyman H. Green, W. D. McGregor, O. G. Mingledorff. 3.

-Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? W. R. Talley, Arthur Johnson. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Ivey Morris. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. R. McCleskey, A. A. Ellenwood, E. H. Harman, P. B. Sims, J. W. Folsom, E. M. Whiting, O. G. Mingledorff. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. R. McCleskey, A. A. Ellenwood, E. H. Harman, P. B. Sims, J. W. Folsom, E. M. Whiting, O. G. Mingledorff. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? William J. Green. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? N. T. Burks (at his own request). 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? R. F. Williamson, W. A. Simmons, D. R. McWilliams, S. S. Sweet, C. J. Toole. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? S. G. Childs, J. W. Talley, T. B. Lanier, L. G. R. Wiggins, D. Blaylock, Y. F. Tigner, Dennis O'Driscoll, W. T. McMichael, James Harris,

Wm. H. Thomas, James Dunwoody, W. F. Bearden, H. P. Pitchford, A. P. Wright, W. F. Conley, J. R. Owen, Capel Raiford, F. R. C. Ellis, W. S. Baker. 19.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? David Crenshaw, Leonard C. Peck, Walter Knox, Robert J. Corley, Wm. H. Tignor. 5.

DAVID CRENSHAW was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., in November, 1813, and died in Newton County, Ga., Jan. 11, 1881. He was converted and joined the Church, at Sandy Spring Camp-meeting, in Anderson County, S. C., in 1831. Soon afterward, though yet but a youth, he was appointed a class-leader in his Church. When about twenty years of age he removed to Georgia, and engaged in teaching school. He was licensed to preach and joined the Georgia Conference in 1838. We have no account of his labors for the next fourteen years, with the exception of the bare statement that he traveled for awhile in the bounds of the Holston Conference. At some time during that period he retired from the traveling connection, and was readmitted (an elder) into the Georgia Conference in December, 1852. During the next eight years he traveled in succession the Monroe Circuit, the Athens Mission, the Fort Gaines, Americus, and Terrell Circuits, and the Chattahoochee Mission. He was located in December, 1860, and readmitted into the South Georgia Conference in December, 1868. He traveled the Reidsville Circuit in 1869, and the Ocmulgee Circuit in 1870. At the close of this year, his health having failed, he was placed upon the superannuated list, and retained this relation until his death. He suffered much during these last years, afflicted in body and pressed with want, but we rejoice to learn that he had comfort and hope from God through it all. His brother, who was with him at his death, writes that he often spoke of his approaching end as an entrance into rest, and that he died in great peace. We hope to meet him in our Father's house.

LEONARD C. PECK was born in Hancock County, Ga., Aug. 17, 1807, and died in Thomas County, Ga., Oct. 15, 1881. Brother Peck was converted and joined the Church when a young man, at a camp-meeting in Green County, Ga.

He was admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference in 1832. The official record not being accessible, we have to be guided by his wife's memory in determining the fields where he labored during his early ministry. She states that for several years he was appointed to mission-work on the islands adjacent to Savannah. He then spent one year in Lincoln County, one on the Warrenton Circuit, and one on the Springfield Circuit. While on the Springfield Circuit he suffered bereavement in the death of his first wife. He was then appointed for three successive years—about 1842-44—as Presiding Elder of the St. Mary's District. In 1844 he married Miss Julia Ashley, who still survives to mourn his loss. In 1845 he again served the Lincoln Circuit, in 1846 the Telfair Circuit, and at the ensuing Conference he located. The term of his location was twenty-three years, during which time he was largely engaged in farming, and preaching the gospel whenever opportunity offered. In 1868 he was readmitted into the South Georgia Conference, and stationed at Stockton. In 1871 he was at Morven, and in 1872 at Spring Hill. During 1872 he suffered for several months from blindness, and at the close of that year was granted a superannuated relation. Since his superannuation he has lived in Thomas County, laboring on the farm, and preaching the gospel as often as strength would permit. As a man, Brother Peck was quiet and gentle in all his ways, and soon won the confidence, esteem, and love, of the people with whom he lived. His son says of him that his daily life was an exemplification of the religion of Christ; that he never sought the honor and applause of the world, but always endeavored to do his work well, and win souls for his Lord. As a pastor, he treated all alike, not preferring the rich because of their wealth, but rather seeking the poor of his flock, thereby imitating his Master, who always sought the humble and lowly instead of the rich and the great. Brother Peck was not a man without sorrow. In addition to the loss of his property at the close of the war, he suffered much in the death of several of his children, and from his own affliction in the loss of his sight; but through it all he maintained a cheerful piety and an unswerving confidence in the goodness of God. But he is no more. Though not wishing to die, he was nevertheless submissive and ready to go when the Master called. His final illness was protracted, but through it all, and to the last, his mind was clear. In answer to questions asked him just before his death, he replied, "My trust is all in Jesus—all in Jesus."

WALTER KNOX was born in Charles County, Md., in 1813. He was converted in 1830, licensed to exhort in 1837, to preach in 1840, and was received on trial into the Georgia Conference in 1841. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew in 1843, and elder by Bishop Soule in 1844. After nearly forty years of faithful and laborious service in the work of

the itinerant ministry, he entered into rest at his home in Darien, just at dawn on the morning of the 12th of May, 1881. The first stirrings of a religious life in our brother's heart were felt when he was quite young. He had much difficulty in laying hold of Christ by simple faith. It was not until after a long struggle with doubts and fears that he obtained the assurance of his acceptance; but when the assurance came it abode upon him through all the trials and temptations of after-years. When called to the ministry by the Divine voice he hesitated for a long time. His constitution was feeble, and he had a very humble opinion of his own abilities. The work he was called upon to perform seemed beyond his capacity and strength, but urged by an invincible influence, he took up the cross and entered upon a long career of honor and usefulness. His opportunities for cultivating his mind in his boyhood were very limited, but despite his early disadvantages he attained considerable proficiency in Greek and Hebrew. In the pulpit, he was distinguished for clearness of conception and accuracy of statement. His expositions of the Scriptures were sound and forcible, and he laid down so firmly the premises of his arguments that the conclusions were incontrovertible. Always original and profound, there were times when he rose to towering heights of eloquence, and swayed the people with a master's hand. He kept up the habits of study which he had formed in early life all through his ministry, and, in consequence, always had something new and fresh to impart to his hearers. During his long life he encountered the vicissitudes which usually fall to the lot of the Methodist itinerant. Poverty and ill health compelled him to take a superannuated relation for five of the forty years in which he was a member of the Conference. For eight years he filled the office of presiding elder with great acceptability and success. He was eminently fitted for this office. His thorough acquaintance with the polity of the Church, his strong common sense, and his devotedness to duty, enabled him to magnify his work and make it honorable. Sometimes his ministry seemed barren of results, while at others he was the instrument of gathering multitudes into the fold. In his personal character were beautifully blended the gentle and the strong. His conduct was based upon clear convictions, and he was not easily turned aside from the path he had marked out for himself; yet there was no dogmatic self-assertion manifesting itself in his actions or his speech. Great intellectual vigor characterized him, but existed in conjunction with the simplicity of a child. He was so modest and unassuming in his demeanor that his true worth did not appear to strangers; but those who knew him found much to admire and love. His name has been added to the roll of our lamented dead. His memory and the influence of his saintly life are our inalienable inheritance. His dying testimony to his wife, who sat beside him

weeping in anticipation of the fast-approaching separation, was, "I am only going before." Gently, peacefully, he breathed his last, and his immortal part ascended into the heavens.

ROBERT J. CORLEY was born in Marianna, Fla., in 1843. He died in the same place, March 17, 1881. Deprived when quite young of a father's counsel, his training was committed to a pious mother, who still survives him. The opening of the unhappy war between the States found him a moral, unconverted young man. Fired by a commendable patriotism, he enlisted as a private, and to the close of the fearful struggle stood bravely at his post, shirking no hardships, shrinking from no dangers. From this struggle he was to go forth to another involving less of physical peril, but more of moral heroism and sublime achievement. Returning home, he was licensed to preach at a Quarterly Conference of Marianna District, Brother Norton presiding. In December, 1865, he was admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference, and sent as a junior preacher to the Watkinsville Circuit. At the close of that year, when the old Conference was divided, he was read out to Trinity, Savannah, and Isle of Hope; to Brunswick and St. Mary's, 1868; Talbot Circuit, 1869-70; Albany, 1871-72; Hawkinsville and Cochran, 1873-74; St. Luke, Columbus, 1875-76; Trinity, Savannah, 1877-80. Here the record closes. At this Conference an insidious disease, aggravated by a railroad accident and severe family affliction, changed his relation from effective to superannuated. Brother Corley was a Christian gentleman of the purest type. Amiable, courteous, meek, modest, unassuming and obliging, full of sympathy and fruitful benevolence, no one doubted the genuineness of his piety. At home, he was radiant with heavenly sunshine; abroad, he was genial and godly, social, yet dignified; communicative, yet chaste; in the pulpit, "Christ was all and in all." Such was his zeal for souls—so affectionate was his address, so abounding the unction of the Holy One—that his sermons, though never great, were remarkably attractive and loving. In the pastorate he was peculiarly gifted. Like the great Apostle to the Gentiles, he was neither too learned nor lazy to visit from house to house. Every day with him was a preaching-day—every home furnishing pulpit and audience. It is hardly necessary to add that he was greatly beloved, and his ministry eminently fruitful. Wise, in the proper acceptance of that term, R. J. Corley will live in the memory of hundreds he has turned to righteousness, and long after this world's unsanctified genius has sunk to the darkness of a lost sepulcher, he will "shine as the stars forever and ever." In December last he went to Florida. Here he gradually declined until March 17, about midnight, his spirit left the incumbering clay, and was gathered unto God. His last days were the brightest, happiest, of his life. He preached Jesus and talked of heaven till

speech failed, then he raised his emaciated arm and pointed upward. "Tell my brethren of the Conference I die clinging to the cross," were among his last words. He leaves a stricken widow and two children.

WILLIAM HENRY TIGNOR was born in Talbot County, Ga., May 20, 1849, and died at the home of his birth, June 22, 1881, aged 32 years. His father, the Rev. U. C. Tignor, was a man of defined habits and character and usefulness as a minister of our holy religion. His mother was deeply pious, and for maternal solicitude may be classed with Hannah, the mother of Samuel, or Eunice, the mother of Timothy. Religion was presented to his consideration under most pleasing aspects, explained in affectionate precept, and recommended by daily examples. The pious parental assiduities of his parents were not fruitless. The seeds of truth scattered in his heart yielded a rich and blessed harvest. Trained in the knowledge of religion while yet a child, he was brought to the apprehension and enjoyment of its truth. From the time of his conversion his great aim was to do that which was right, to do his work well where God had placed him, and humility, obedience, and amiability threw around him a halo of moral loveliness, winning the love of all the people around, and from God his Father in heaven. At a very early period he was commendably solicitous for the spiritual happiness of others, and gave promise of the important relation which he afterward sustained to the Church of God. He was a graduate of Emory College of the class of 1873. He was licensed to preach while a student at Oxford. On leaving college he taught school, and preached acceptably as a local preacher till the winter of 1877, when he was admitted on trial in the South Georgia Conference, and appointed to Reynolds Circuit. In 1878 he was sent to St. Mary's Station; in 1879, to Whigham Circuit; in 1880, to Trinity Circuit—where he closed his earthly career. His literary acquirements were respectable. He read the books of Wesley, Fletcher, and Watson. In private life he was cheerful, sociable, and sympathetic. He was very neat in his person. Every thing around him and belonging to him was in order. His words were few, correct, chaste, well-timed, and calculated to do good. He was a constant friend and a Christian gentleman. As a pastor, he was attentive and faithful. Sensible of the value of immortal souls, he "allured to brighter worlds, and led the way." As a preacher, if he was not endowed with the gift of brilliant genius, he coveted the fruits of "power, and love, and a sound mind." He never aimed at display, but usefulness. The voice of popular applause had no melody in his ear; he rather desired to hear the publican cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He followed Christ, and his life was irradiated by his brightness, and then shone from him every beam of the light which he caught from his Lord. Reaching back to

earliest childhood, it shone in amiability at home, in studiousness and noble aspirations at school, in faithfulness in making the most of the powers, capabilities of affection, opportunities and blessings with which the Master had intrusted him. And now that God has taken him, he leaves behind a line of light that is only lost to view in an abiding glory in that higher home where the "Lamb is the light thereof." Our beloved brother left his field of labor on the 13th of June to be in attendance on the meeting of the Board of Missions in Macon. There he was attacked with bilious fever, but postponed medical treatment till he should reach the home of his sister, in Talbot County. He reached home on the 16th of June. His case did not manifest any alarming symptoms until Tuesday, the 21st of June, when, at 4 o'clock P.M., he fainted and fell prostrate upon the floor. A physician was sent for, who remained with him the whole night, and all that medical skill could do and pleading love devise failed to arouse him from his collapsed condition. On the following morning, Wednesday, June 22, 1881, at 7 o'clock, without any excruciating pain, without a cloud to darken his spiritual sky, he fell asleep.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Savannah District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Trinity.....	535	3
Wesley Monumental.....	303	.....
New Houston Street.....	84	.....
Springfield.....	660	2
Sylvania.....	432	3
Seabrore.....	198	1
Bethel.....	260	3
Alexander.....	540	2
Waynesboro.....	343	.....
Bethany.....	388	1
Louisville.....	480	6
Sandersville and Tennille.....	157	2
Washington.....	431	.....
Davisboro.....	445	1
Gibson.....	274	3
	5528	27

Macon District.

Mulberry Street.....	495	5
First Street.....	525	.....
East Macon.....	156	.....
Macon Circuit.....	713	1
Gordon.....	476	4
Irwinton.....	325	1
Jeffersonville.....	164	1
Twiggsville.....	11	.....
Hawkinsville and Cochran.....	233	2
Wilcox.....	237	3
Hayneville.....	310	1
Fort Valley.....	301	3
Perry and Sandy Run.....	257	1
Marshallville and Montezuma.....	267	.....
Knoxville.....	439	2
Byron.....	220	.....
	5129	24

Columbus District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. Luke's.....	520	1
St. Paul's.....	230	1
Broad Street.....	497	2
Trinity.....	182	1
Girard.....	90	.....
Cataula.....	370	2
Hamilton.....	360	3
Talbotton.....	194	1
Talbot.....	425	1
Geneva.....	378	.....
Butler.....	310	2
Reynolds.....	235	2
Buena Vista.....	219	2
Marion.....	360	1
Cusseta.....	194	.....
	4674	19

Americus District.

Americus.....	418	3
Randolph.....	273	2
Clay.....	158	1
Leary.....	160	1
Cuthbert and Georgetown.....	272	3
Lumpkin and Providence.....	262	.....
Dawson and Graves.....	209	.....
Weston.....	219	2
Smithville.....	216	1
Stewart.....	192	.....
Magnolia.....	372	5
Ellaville.....	372	2
Sumter.....	419	4
Oglethorpe.....	310	4
Vienna.....	648	4
Terrell.....	362	3
	4562	35

Thomasville District.

Thomasville.....	336	6
Fort Gaines.....	300	2
Blakely.....	281	1
Albany.....	161	1
Camilla.....	262	1
Cairo.....	467	5
Bainbridge.....	142	1
Attapulgus.....	210	.....
Whigham.....	210	3
Trinity.....	312	1
Spring Hill.....	191	3
Boston.....	277	.....
Morven.....	436	3
Lowndes and Echols.....	171	1
Quitman.....	294	4
Valdosta.....	162	1
	4212	33

Waycross District.

Brunswick.....	133	2
Camden Mission.....	220	1
St. Mary's.....	87	.....
Charlton.....	94	.....
Darien.....	48	.....
Jonesville.....	120	.....
Hinesville.....	390	4
Jesup.....	90	2
Blackshear and Waycross.....	209	.....
Bethel.....	298	.....
Homerville.....	128	2
Nashville.....	273	2
Brookfield.....	80	1
Moultrie Mission.....	115	3
South Coffee.....	162	1
Worth.....	208	3
Wareboro.....	188	2
Satilla.....	229	1
	3072	24

Eastman District.

Eastman.....	87
Lumber City.....	320	3
Jacksonville.....	237	.....
Ocmulgee.....	251	2
Spring Hill.....	458	3
Graham.....	644	6
Mount Vernon.....	301	1

Eastman District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Reidsville.....	562	5
Swainsboro.....	550	5
Wrightsville.....	530	6
Oconee.....	518	3
Dublin.....	246	3
South Bartow.....	282	2
Bulloch.....	338	6
Cobbtown Mission.....	38	1
Bryan.....	142	1
	5504	47

Recapitulation.

Savannah District.....	5528	27
Macon ".....	5129	24
Columbus ".....	4674	19
Americus ".....	4862	35
Thomasville ".....	4212	33
Waycross ".....	3072	24
Eastman ".....	5504	47
Total this year	32,981	209

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1025.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1183.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 367.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2194.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 16,388.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$7,200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4,118 75. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$4,971 42; Domestic Missions, \$4,325 86. Total, \$9,297 28—besides \$684 43 by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Albany, Ga.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

J. B. McGehee, P. E.

Savannah: Trinity, J. O. Branch.

Wesley Monumental, Geo. G. N. MacDonell.

New Houston Street, G. W. Matthews.

Springfield, H. P. Myers.

Goshen, O. G. Mingledorff.

Sylvania, W. J. Flanders.

Waynesboro, F. A. Branch.

Bethel, S. W. Stubbs.

Brier Creek, J. B. Griner.

Millen, J. B. K. Smith.

Bethany, T. K. Leonard.

Louisville, J. P. Wardlaw.

Sandersville and Tennille, G. C. Clarke.

Washington, W. L. Carter.

Davisboro, M. A. Clark.

Gibson, D. F. Riley

Wesley Monumental Church, J. O. A. Clark, Agent.

Missionary to Mexico, R. W. MacDonell.

MACON DISTRICT.

A. T. Mann, P. E.

Macon: Mulberry Street, J. S. Key, S. S. Sweet, Sup.

First Street, B. F. Breedlove, C. J. Toole, Sup.

East Macon, P. H. Crumpler, D. R. McWilliams, Sup.

Macon Circuit and Jones's Chapel, J. D. Mauldin.

Gordon, J. G. Harrison, J. W. Burke.

Irwinton, C. E. Boland.

Jeffersonville, J. Carr.

Hawkinsville and Cochran, H. R. Felder.

Wilcox Mission, to be supplied (by R. B. G. Waters).

Hayneville, J. T. Ainsworth.

Fort Valley, N. B. Ousley.

Perry and Sandy Run, B. H. Sasnett.

Marshallville and Montezuma, W. M. Hayes.

Knoxville, S. N. Tucker.

Byron, L. A. Snow.

Wesleyan Female College, W. C. Bass, President; C. W. Smith, Professor.

Orphans' Home, L. B. Payne, Agent and Superintendent.

Wesleyan Christian Advocate, J. W. Burke, Assistant Editor.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

J. W. Hinton, P. E.

Columbus: St. Luke's, W. Lewis.

St. Paul's, W. C. Lovett.

Broad Street, J. W. Domingos.

Girard, to be supplied.

Cataula, J. M. Lovett.

Hamilton, E. J. Burch.

Talbotton, E. H. McGehee.

Talbot Circuit, E. J. Rentz.

Geneva, J. T. Lowe.

Butler, R. F. Evans.

Reynolds Mission, to be supplied.

Buena Vista, R. L. Wiggins.

Marion, J. R. Littlejohn.

Cusseta, L. H. Green.

AMERICUS DISTRICT.

J. M. Austin, P. E.

Americus, J. O. A. Cook.

Cuthbert and Georgetown, P. S. Twitty.

Randolph, R. B. Lester.

Clay Circuit, P. B. Sims.

Leary, G. T. Embry.

Lumpkin and Providence, B. W. Key.

Dawson and Graves, G. S. Johnston.

Terrell Circuit, J. M. Potter.

Weston, B. S. Sentell.

Smithville, K. H. McLain.

Stewart, J. E. Sentell.

Magnolia Springs, T. S. Armistead.

Ellaville, L. A. Darsey, R. F. Williamson, Sup.

Schley Circuit, to be supplied (by J. R. Ware).
 Sumter, J. B. Wardlaw.
 Oglethorpe, P. C. Harris.
 Snow Springs, W. Lane.
 Vienna Mission, W. W. Tidwell.
 Andrew Female College, H. W. Key, President; D. Q. Abbott, Professor.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.

T. T. Christian, P. E.

Thomasville, A. M. Wynn.
 Fort Gaines, E. M. Whiting.
 Blakely, J. B. Culpepper.
 Albany, A. M. Williams.
 Camilla, S. D. Clements.
 Cairo, H. C. Fentress.
 Bainbridge, J. W. Simmons.
 Attapulgis, C. D. Adams.
 Whigham, W. C. Davis.
 Pelham Mission, to be supplied (by C. H. Critchell).
 Trinity, H. C. Brewton.
 Thomasville Circuit, to be supplied (by S. Davenport).
 Boston, N. D. Morehouse.
 Morven, R. B. Bryan.
 Lowndes and Echols Mission, S. R. Weaver.
 Quitman, W. W. Stewart.
 Valdosta Mission, J. R. McCleskey.
 Sunday-school Secretary, R. M. Lockwood.

WAYCROSS DISTRICT.

J. M. Marshall, P. E.

Brunswick, W. F. Lloyd.
 Camden Mission, to be supplied (by S. A. Mitchell).
 St. Mary's, J. J. Ansley.
 Charlton, to be supplied.

Darien, J. R. Crowder.
 Jonesville, to be supplied.
 Hinesville, A. A. Ellenwood.
 Jesup, R. L. Honiker.
 Blackshear and Waycross, J. S. Jordan.
 Bethel, J. W. Folsom.
 Homersville, to be supplied (by J. W. Watts).
 Nashville, I. F. Carey.
 Brookfield, to be supplied.
 Greenfield, to be supplied (by J. G. W. Wells).
 Coffee, to be supplied.
 Worth, J. E. Rorie.
 Waresboro, W. J. Robertson.
 Satilla, C. T. Bickley.

EASTMAN DISTRICT.

J. D. Anthony, P. E.

Eastman, G. C. Thompson.
 McRea, J. L. Williams.
 Jacksonville, B. Anthony.
 Ocmulgee, W. F. Roberts.
 Spring Hill, F. W. Flanders.
 Graham, W. J. Stallings.
 Mount Vernon, W. M. C. Conley.
 Reidsville, J. J. Giles.
 Swainsboro, J. Langston.
 Summertown, to be supplied (by J. B. Purvis).
 Wrightsville, R. M. Booth.
 Oconee, H. A. Hodges.
 Dublin, D. G. Pope.
 South Bartow, C. A. Moore.
 Mill Ray, T. J. Neese.
 Excelsior Mission, W. D. McGregor.
 Bryan, to be supplied.
 Eastman District High School, C. C. Hines.

E. H. Harmon transferred to Florida Conference.

SOUTH-WEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, September 28—October 2, 1881.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; C. C. WOODS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. A. L. Houston, W. F. Carpenter,
 N. M. Dowdy, W. F. Briggs, A. W. Davis, J.
 M. L. Hoyle, W. T. Eastwood, J. W. Huff 8.
 Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? C. M. Hawkins,
 J. A. Matthews, W. B. Cobb, L. H. Vandiver. 4.
 Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.
 Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?
 J. M. Weems, W. K. White, S. M. Godbey. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.
 Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? H. N. Watts, V. J. Sevier,
 A. G. Worley, M. L. Williams, G. W. Horn, John Matthews, E. H. Prosser. 7.
 Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? None.
 Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John M. Weems. 1.
 Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John M. Weems. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? E. T. Moore. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? E. T. Moore, A. G. Moore. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? L. P. Norfleet, A. C. Briggs, F. A. Briggs, M. Bahrenburg, W. B. Palmore, S. M. Godbey, M. L. Williams. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? L. P. Norfleet, A. C. Briggs, F. A. Briggs, M. Bahrenburg, W. B. Palmore, S. M. Godbey, M. L. Williams. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? John D. Reagan. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? John D. Reagan. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? A. M. Rader, H. M. White, L. H. Davis, J. B. Landreth. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? William Holmes, J. M. Kelley, W. M. Pitts, J. McGehee, W. J. Brown, C. F. Dryden, J. P. Barnaby, G. P. Smith, Josiah Godbey, F. A. Taylor. 10.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? D. A. McKnight. 1.

DANIEL A. MCKNIGHT, the eldest child of William W. and Elizabeth McKnight, was born in Giles County, Tenn., November 1, 1830. He removed with his parents to Polk County, Mo., in 1840; was converted at Ebenezer Camp-ground in August, 1845, where and when he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on probation; was received into full fellowship, in the house of his grandfather, Pitt Woodard, by the Rev. J. C. Derrick, February, 1846. He was one or two years a pupil in the South-west Missouri High School, at Ebenezer. In 1853, Jonah-like, he attempted to "flee from the presence of the Lord," and cross the plains to California, where he spent two or three years. Soon after his return home, he was recommended by Hickory Grove Class as a suitable person to receive license to preach, and was accordingly licensed by the Quarterly Conference of Bolivar Circuit, 1856. He was received on trial into the traveling connection by the St. Louis Conference, at the session held in St. Louis in 1856, and into full connection in 1858, and ordained deacon; was ordained elder in 1860. The following were his appointments: 1856, Vienna; 1857, Steelville; 1858, Wolf Island; 1859, Forsyth; 1860, Bolivar. During the war he was a chaplain in the Confederate Army; 1866, Bolivar Circuit; 1867, Lebanon District; 1868, Chamois Circuit; 1869, Rolla District; 1870, Lebanon District; 1871-72, Hartville Circuit; 1873, located. He was readmitted in 1878, and appointed to Bolivar Circuit, 1879; superannuated and went to Texas in search of health, but instead thereof found a grave. He died most triumphantly, November 18, 1880. As a preacher, Brother McKnight ranked above the average. His sermons were

well arranged; his propositions grew easily from his text, and were well sustained by appropriate quotations from the Holy Scriptures. In prayer but few equaled and fewer still excelled him. He rarely ever engaged in promiscuous conversations in company. With him "speech was silver, but silence was golden." He loved solitude, and there found sweetest joy in communion with God. The oldest member of his Conference, the Rev. C. F. Dryden, was living not far from where he died, and most befittingly preached his funeral-sermon. He left a wife and two orphaned children to our care. We expect to meet him when our work is done.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Kansas City District.

	Members.	Local Prs.
Walnut Street.....	339	4
Washington Avenue.....	29	1
Lydia Avenue.....	21	.....
Westport.....	228	1
Independence.....	161	1
Pleasant Hill.....	365	3
Harrisonville.....	220	4
Columbus.....	276	3
Chapel Hill.....	270	3
Pink Hill.....	246	3
Index.....	250	3
Montrose.....	226	2
Butler.....	255	4
Papinsville.....	191	2
Burdett.....	257	2
	3334	36

Lexington District.

Lexington.....	196	1
La Monte.....	351	1
Windsor.....	128	1
Clinton.....	168	1
Chilhowie.....	324	3
Brownsville and Blackwater.....	165	2
Dover.....	240	1
Waverly.....	110	1
Elmwood and Grand Pass.....	160	.....
Miami and Mount Carmel.....	199	1
Sedalia.....	65	.....
Wellington.....	324	1
Herndon.....	168	1
Warrensburg.....	62	1
	2660	15

Boonville District.

Boonville.....	189	.....
Pilot Grove.....	390	1
Arrow Rock.....	250	1
Marshall.....	200	.....
Cambridge.....	227	1
Slater.....	197	1
Longwood.....	156	1
Sedalia Circuit.....	191	4
Versailles and California.....	134	2
Rock Spring.....	297	1
Otterville.....	228	1
Prairie Home.....	290	1
Jefferson City.....	154	.....
Elston.....	343	.....
	3246	14

Neosho District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Neosho and Pierce City.....	163	1
Newtonia.....	350	2
Pineville.....	380	5
Cassville.....	294	1
Sarecoxie.....	300	1
Carthage.....	100	.....
Joplin and Webb City.....	60	1
Harmony.....	162	.....
Lamar.....	155	1
Montevallo.....	251	5
Walker.....	104	1
Little Osage.....	362	4
Nevada Station.....	138	.....
Nevada Circuit.....	301	6
	3120	23

Springfield District.

Springfield Station.....	200	3
Springfield Circuit.....	368	3
Morrisville.....	195	3
Bolivar.....	240	3
Ash Grove.....	360	1
Henderson.....	302	4
Marshfield Station.....	45	.....
Marshfield Circuit.....	455	2
Mount Vernon.....	235	3
Greenfield.....	423	2
Ozark.....	37	.....
Hartville.....	220	2
	3080	26

Lebanon District.

Lebanon.....	323	4
Plato.....	165	2
Waynesville.....	158	2
Bloom Garden.....	109	.....
Versailles Circuit.....	164	2
Warsaw.....	190	.....
Colesburg.....	20	1
Osceola.....	249	3
Hermitage.....	227	4
Buffalo.....	245	5
Garden City.....	217	3
Chamois.....	233	1
Linn Creek.....	200	5
	2500	32

Recapitulation.

Kansas City District.....	3334	36
Lexington.....	2660	15
Boonville.....	3246	14
Neosho.....	3120	23
Springfield.....	3080	26
Lebanon.....	2500	32
Total this year.....	17,940	146

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 349.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 747.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 144.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1075.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 8137.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,008 10.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,640 40. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for

missions? Foreign Missions, \$2,351 24; Domestic Missions, \$2,293 95. Total, \$4,645 19.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Nevada, Mo.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.

M. M. Pugh, P. E.

Kansas City: Walnut Street, John Matthews.
Washington Street, C. M. Hawkins.

Lydia Avenue, C. C. Woods.

Westport Circuit, J. B. Ellis.

Independence, J. Spencer.

Pleasant Hill Circuit, M. Adkisson, A. L. Houston.

Harrisonville Circuit, T. M. Cobb.

Columbus Circuit, L. W. Pearce.

Chapel Hill Circuit, T. P. Cobb.

Pink Hill, T. D. Payne.

Index Circuit, W. F. Wagoner.

Montrose Circuit, to be supplied (by L. P. Siceloff).

Butler Circuit, R. A. Bathurst.

Papinsville Circuit, M. Duren.

Burdett Circuit, R. A. Allen.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

J. L. D. Blevans, P. E.

Lexington, W. M. Prottzman.

La Monte Circuit, J. B. H. Wooldridge.

Windsor Circuit, J. T. Peery, L. H. Davis, Sup.

Clinton Circuit, to be supplied (by J. F. Robb).

Chilhowie Circuit, W. L. King, N. M. Dowdy.

Brownsville and Blackwater, R. H. Shaeffer.

Dover Circuit, W. B. McFarland.

Waverly, R. A. Holloway.

Elmwood and Grand Pass, W. B. Cobb.

Miami and Mount Carmel, J. C. Daily.

Sedalia, J. C. Shackelford.

Higginsville, W. T. Eastwood.

Wellington, W. S. Woodard.

Herndon, W. C. Campbell.

Warrensburg, W. M. Poage.

BOONVILLE DISTRICT.

P. Philips, P. E.

Boonville, G. W. Horn.

Pilot Grove, J. C. Given.

Arrow Rock, W. M. Bewley, A. M. Rader, Sup.

Marshall, B. Margeson.

Cambridge and Saline City, L. H. Vandiver.

Slater, W. J. Carpenter.

Longwood, E. G. Frazier.

Sedalia Circuit, John N. Anthony.

Versailles, L. M. Philips.

California Circuit, to be supplied.

Prairie Home, J. C. Coss.

Elston, M. Bahrenburg.

Aurora Mission, to be supplied (by C. L. Bridges).

Jefferson City, W. B. Palmore.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Joseph King, P. E.

Springfield, C. H. Briggs.
 Springfield Circuit, G. M. Winton, H. M. White, Sup.
 Morrisville, H. N. Watts.
 Stockton, J. H. Threlkeld.
 Ash Grove, J. L. Hagler.
 Henderson, to be supplied (by M. L. Maguire).
 Marshfield, F. A. Briggs.
 Marshfield Circuit, J. G. L. Mitchell.
 Mount Vernon, J. A. Matthews.
 Greenfield, W. M. McAllister.
 Ozark, J. M. L. Hoyle.
 Hartville, to be supplied (by Andrew J. Windle).
 Morrisville Institute, W. C. Godbey, President; S. M. Godbey, Professor.

NEOSHO DISTRICT.

W. C. Montgomery, P. E.

Neosho and Pierce City, L. P. Norfleet.
 Newtonia, J. L. Logan.
 Pineville, A. G. Huff.
 Cassville, to be supplied (by J. J. Keller).
 Sarcoxie, J. W. Perry.
 Carthage, E. H. Prosser.
 Joplin and Webb City, M. L. Williams.
 Neosho Circuit, A. C. Briggs.
 Lamar, V. J. Sevier.
 Golden City, J. M. Proctor.

Montevallo, R. Minshall.
 Walker, A. J. Worley.
 Little Osage, R. W. Reynolds.
 Nevada, R. S. Hunter.
 Nevada Circuit, J. A. Swift.
 Butler and Rich Hill, J. D. Wood.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

J. F. Hogan, P. E.

Lebanon Circuit, J. M. Weems.
 Plato, J. W. Huff.
 Waynesville, A. W. Davis.
 Bloom Garden, T. J. Stringfield.
 Versailles Circuit, W. F. Briggs.
 Warsaw, to be supplied (by E. Springer).
 Colesburg, W. K. White.
 Osceola, W. D. Stewart.
 Hermitage, to be supplied.
 Buffalo, to be supplied (by G. W. Windle).
 Cross Timbers, to be supplied (by A. G. Moore).
 Chamois, J. W. Bond.
 Linn Creek, to be supplied (by L. W. Merriam).

G. W. Walker transferred to South Carolina Conference.

J. B. Winton transferred to Indian Mission Conference.

I. M. Carter transferred to East Texas Conference.

J. Godbey, jr., transferred to West Tennessee Conference.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ST. LOUIS, MO., *September 21-25, 1881.*BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; W. M. SHELTON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. Evans McClintock, William S. Tyler, William H. Hogan. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William E. Stewart, John A. Jenkins, Robert A. McClintock, Reuben Walton. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? S. Willis Jones. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Thomas D. Bauer, David F. Renfro, W. C. Enochs, B. E. H. Warren, A. J. Green, G. W. Nollner. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Joseph Dines, from Missouri Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? James B. Rice, W. R. Mays, George H. Adams. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? T. D. Bauer, B. E. H. Warren, A. J. Green. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? T. D. Bauer, B. E. H. Warren, A. J. Green. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? W. S. Tyler, E. W. McDonald, J. W. Jourden. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? W. S. Tyler, E. W. McDonald. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? S. W. Emory, John B. Clayton, J. W. Johnson, S. D. Biffle. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? S. W. Emory, J. B. Clayton, J. W. Johnson, S. D. Biffle. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? James W. Myrick. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? J. W. Myrick. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? I. L. Spencer. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. C. Alexander, B. K. Thrower. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? W. R. Babcock, C. F. Quellmalz, Christian Eaker, M. Arrington, John Thomas, F. A. Owen, Wesley Browning, G. M. Effinger, J. H. Cox, A. M. Robinson. 10.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Wesley R. Craven. 1.

WESLEY R. CRAVEN died near Richwoods, Jefferson County, Mo., on the 4th of August, 1881. He was the son of the Rev. J. W. and Henrietta Craven, and born in Randolph County, N. C., April 15, 1856. His parents came to Missouri the following year, and settled in Texas County. Wesley R. Craven joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of fifteen. Three years later he realized the experience of pardon through Christ. He was licensed to preach March 5, 1877. He was first employed by the presiding elder to supply Lane's Prairie Mission. He was admitted on trial in the St. Louis Conference in 1877. He was appointed to Steelville Circuit, but transferred to Licking Circuit, in the same district, in the first part of the year. He was appointed in 1878 to St. Clair Circuit; and this appointment was renewed in 1879, and again in 1880. During this Conference-year his life closed in peace. He said, while dying, "The gates of pearl are open. It is growing brighter. Tell father, and mother, and brothers, to meet me." Brother Craven was ordained a deacon by Bishop Pierce in 1879. He married a cultivated and pious young lady, Mary Buler, Dec. 22, 1880. Brother Craven was a clear and earnest preacher. His thought was vigorous, his style was terse and simple, and his sermons were characterized by unity and directness. He was a faithful pastor and a devout and humble Christian. God blessed his ministry and owned his labors. As a Christian minister, he was loved and honored. His death is a loss which is deeply felt by his Conference.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

St. Louis District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. John's.....	305	1
Centenary.....	510	4
First Church.....	188	1
St. Paul's.....	100	.....
Marvin Chapel.....	143	.....
Page Avenue.....	72	1
Mount Zion.....	61	.....
Bellevue.....	158	.....

St. Louis District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Eden.....	51	1
Kirkwood and Fenton.....	108	.....
Bellevue.....	360	3
Arcadia and Potosi.....	147	.....
Caledonia and Irondale.....	187	.....
Plattin.....	225	.....
Bridgeport.....	100	.....
	2715	11

Charleston District.

Charleston.....	193	2
Sikeston and Bertrand.....	207	4
Charleston Circuit.....	112	1
Jackson and Cape Girardeau.....	77	.....
Benton.....	169	4
Fredericktown.....	114	.....
Farmington.....	522	5
Lutesville.....	447	4
Oak Ridge.....	270	.....
Marquand.....	551	4
New Madrid.....	260	2
Gayoso.....	268	4
Belmont.....	157	2
Richwoods.....	113	.....
Jackson.....	71	.....
	3561	32

Salem District.

Labadie.....	126	1
Licking.....	281	3
Steelville.....	146	1
Manchester.....	67	.....
St. James.....	51	.....
Marmec.....	226	.....
Salem.....	221	1
St. Clair.....	138	.....
Houston.....	187	4
Washington.....	94	1
Cuba.....	430	2
Sligo and Nova Scotia.....	118	.....
Rolla.....	219	3
	2304	16

Poplar Bluff District.

Poplar Bluff Circuit.....	256	4
Ash Hill Mission.....	35	.....
Current River Mission.....	89	3
Centreville Mission.....	170	1
Bloomfield.....	305	5
West Plains.....	375	3
Grand Prairie.....	352	5
Alton.....	300	5
Piketon.....	163	3
Poplar Bluff and Dexter.....	83	.....
Clarkton.....	237	2
Eminence.....	254	3
Doniphan.....	266	.....
Piedmont.....	201	1
	3086	35

Recapitulation.

St. Louis District.....	2715	11
Charleston ".....	3561	32
Salem ".....	2304	16
Poplar Bluff ".....	3086	35
Total this year.....	11,666	94

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 583.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 800.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 143.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 850.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 7048.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the

superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,400.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,473 90. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$1,388 15; Domestic Missions, \$1,591 65. Total, \$2,979 80.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Farmington, St. Francois County, Mo.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.

J. G. Wilson, P. E.

First Church, W. G. Miller.
Centenary, J. W. Lewis.
St. John's, W. V. Tudor.
St. Paul's, E. M. Bounds.
Chouteau Avenue, W. R. Mays.
Page Avenue, J. E. Godbey.
Marvin Chapel, to be supplied.
Bellefontaine, T. M. Finney.
Bridgeton and Clayton, Joseph Dines.
Mount Zion, W. S. Tyler.
Eden, I. R. Hicks.
Plattin Circuit, J. H. Headlee.
De Soto Circuit, to be supplied.
Arcadia, J. C. Berryman.
Potosi, W. H. Hogan.
Bellevue Circuit, C. E. W. Smith.
Valley Mines Circuit, D. J. Marquis.
Caledonia, S. W. Emory.
St. Louis Christian Advocate, D. R. McAnally,
Editor.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

J. S. Frazier, P. E.

Charleston, C. O. Jones.
Fredericktown, W. M. Shelton.
Sikeston and Bertrand, H. S. Watts.
Farmington, J. W. Johnson.
Benton, J. L. Batton.
Jackson and Cape Girardeau, one to be supplied, J. C. Alexander, Sup.
Lutesville, J. R. Eddleman.
Oak Ridge, J. A. Russell.
Charleston Circuit, J. T. Allen.

New Madrid, Webster Full.
Marquand, C. E. De Vinney
York Chapel, J. Garton.

Gayoso, to be supplied.

Greenville, to be supplied.

Richwoods, to be supplied (by S. W. Carpenter).

Belmont, to be supplied.

SALEM DISTRICT.

J. C. Williams, P. E.

Salem, L. F. Aspley.
St. James and Rolla, S. A. Mason.
Rolla Circuit, S. Richmond.
Houston Circuit, S. C. Biffle.
Licking Circuit, to be supplied (by J. H. Dennis).
Cuba Circuit, to be supplied.
Steelville, E. McClintock.
St. Clair Circuit, T. D. Bauer.
Fenton, J. B. Clayton.
Maramec Circuit, J. W. Robinson.
Labadie, A. T. Tidwell.
Washington, R. F. Chew.
Kirkwood and Manchester, J. J. Watts.
Sligo and Nova Scotia, to be supplied.
Sullivan Circuit, D. F. Renfro.

POPLAR BLUFF DISTRICT.

H. Hanesworth, P. E.

Poplar Bluff and Dexter, J. A. Carter.
Piketon Circuit, to be supplied (by T. J. Lightfoot).
Bloomfield Circuit, R. A. McClintock.
Doniphan Circuit, W. E. Stuart.
Current River Mission, R. Walton.
Alton Circuit, A. J. Green.
West Plains Circuit, B. E. H. Warren.
Siloam Springs, G. W. Nollner.
Eminence Circuit, S. D. Biffle.
Piedmont Circuit, W. P. Gipson.
Grand Prairie Circuit, W. C. Enochs.
Clarkton Circuit, G. H. Adams.
Centreville Circuit, J. H. Jenkins.
Poplar Bluff Circuit, J. H. Ledbetter.

H. N. Watts transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

J. B. Rice transferred to West Texas Conference.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT LEBANON, TENN., October 19-24, 1881.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; ROBERT A. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial? ANSWER. Michael S. Stewart, Geo. W. Blanton, George L. Beale, Henry O. Moore. 4.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William P. Swindle, James F. Tinnon, James T. Blackwood, Jas. W. Faires, Edward K. Denton. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Abram P. Smith, A. B. Wilkes. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Lewis Powell, Henry B. Blue, Hugh C. Tucker, William H. Gilbert, David S. Thompson. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? H. S. Lee, from Holston Conference, John T. Pittman. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Isaac W. Keathley, James D. Scott, William S. Scott, Charles S. Gabard, William W. Pinson, Gervis B. McPeak, Lewis R. Amis, Geo. W. McBride, Clayton H. Yates, Enoch L. Jones, Elijah Dickens, John G. Gibson, N. A. Anthony. 13.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? William H. B. Hill, George W. Blanton, George L. Beale, Devereux J. Rawlings, Michael S. Stewart, Jesse Hooton, William H. Gillam, William T. Hart. 8.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? George L. Beale, Devereux J. Rawlings, William H. B. Hill, Michael S. Stewart, Jesse C. Hooton, W. H. Gillam, George W. Blanton, Wesley Carlisle, J. S. McMinn. 9.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Wallace T. Rowland. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Wallace T. Rowland. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Joshua H. Harrison, Samuel H. McKnight. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Joshua H. Harrison, Jas. H. Rice. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Franklin L. Carpenter, John T. Pittman, John R. Williams. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? G. T. Henderson, J. B. Hamilton, A. C. Matthews, A. H. Reams, C. B. Faris, W. M. Shaw, H. L.

Booth, W. P. Warren, J. W. Hanner, sr., S. D. Ogburn, G. W. Brown, U. S. Bates, W. R. Warren, W. H. Riggan, C. B. Davis, R. W. Bellamy, W. N. Moore, W. H. Anthony, T. B. Marks, A. P. McFerrin, H. S. Kennedy, R. P. Gannaway, A. B. Coke, W. T. Nesbitt, A. M. Ezell, J. J. Ellis. 26.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? E. J. Allen, Jordan Moore, J. W. Tarrant, A. J. Ford, W. H. Johnson, F. C. Wilkes, A. J. B. Foster, R. G. Irvine, S. Lassiter, George W. Martin, B. F. Jackson, E. L. Jones. 12.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Golman Green, Finch P. Scruggs, Allen Tribble, Simon P. Whitten, F. S. Petway. 5.

GOLMAN GREEN was born in Virginia in the year 1808, and when young came to Middle Tennessee. He lived most of his time in the Counties of Bedford, Giles, and Lawrence. He was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference in the autumn of 1835. Brother Green, being of a delicate constitution, had for twenty-two years sustained to his Conference either a supernumerary or superannuated relation. After a life of useful labor and much suffering, he died at the home of his old friend, Brother R. H. Ogilvie, near Columbia, October 28, 1881. Brother Ogilvie writes to Dr. Fitzgerald: "Rev. Golman Green came to my house last Wednesday in usual health. We sat up late at night. He retired to a room adjoining mine, got up as usual at night, and drank his coffee and smoked. I made him a fire, and we sat up till two o'clock. He then retired to his room. About daylight I heard him breathing strangely, and went to his bed. I found him cold and unconscious. After rubbing and applying various remedies, with the aid of a physician, his consciousness returned, with intense suffering, for a few hours. He remarked during his suffering that he should die, and said, 'Tell my wife that I die in the arms of Jesus.' He soon fell asleep, and never moved or spoke again, and died last night at eleven o'clock without a struggle." Brother Green was a man of marked individuality, having modes of thought and expression peculiar to himself. His preaching ability was not of the highest order; but in exhortation, in pathetic appeals, and persuasive eloquence, he was not

often excelled. He was a man of much prayer and strong faith. He was given to large charities—often liberal to a fault. He denied himself many comforts to educate his children, and in different ways assisted many young persons of limited means in their efforts to get knowledge. He was a friend to the unfortunate and suffering. His influence for good reached all classes. The great and learned admired him for his personal piety, his unaffected simplicity of manners; and his zeal in the cause of God gave him easy access to the hearts and the confidence of all. His talent for ready and successful personal approach to men on the subject of religion was rare indeed. He was always about his Master's business, and, like him, made it his meat to do the will of God. But his life-work is ended, and no doubt God's comment upon it is, "Well done, good and faithful servant." His remains were deposited in Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Tenn., Sunday, October 31, after funeral-service at the Methodist Church, conducted by Brothers J. B. Erwin, R. G. Irvine, and others. Thus lived and died a true man and a friend beloved.

FINCH P. SCRUGGS was a native of Virginia, but was brought up in Middle Tennessee. He was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, when in Nashville, while he was a young man. He was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference in the year 1821. He soon gave signs of usefulness as a preacher, and in a few years was judged well qualified to fill the most important appointments in the Conference. In the course of his long ministerial life he accepted many responsible positions in the Church. On the circuit, in the city station, or on the district as presiding elder, he was always acceptable and useful; indeed, he was an able minister of the New Testament. He had clear conceptions of the doctrines of the Bible, a ready utterance, and agreeable manners in the pulpit. He often preached with power, and was "wise in winning souls." His health from his youth was rather delicate, and he was sometimes compelled to desist from full work; but when able he rallied, and was found in front of the battling hosts, fighting for his Captain. He belonged to a preaching family; he had three brothers who were able Methodist ministers, and there is a younger generation coming forward to fill the places of their fathers as they are dismissed from the ranks. He passed through much tribulation: the loss of health, the death of nearly all his family, and the loss of his property, bore heavily upon him, especially in his declining years; yet amidst all these his faith failed not; he trusted in God, and was happy in hope of a better country. He spent a number of years in Alabama and Mississippi, where he was useful and much respected. By request he was transferred a year ago to Tennessee from North Alabama, having a desire to die in connection with his mother Conference. His last illness was pro-

tracted, and his suffering severe; yet he bore all as a Christian, having full hope of the life to come. Indeed, his death was a perfect victory over the fear of the grave. He sent many messages of love to his brethren of the Tennessee Conference, and passed over the Jordan rejoicing in hope of the crown of life. He died in Holly Springs, Miss., September 28, aged eighty years, four months, and ten days. "Servant of God, well done."

ALLEN TRIBBLE was born May 30, 1820, and died June 27, 1881. He was converted at Holt's Camp-ground, in Bedford County, Tenn., in 1837, and at once joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived and died contented and happy. Soon after his profession of religion, he married a sensible Christian woman, who made him a good wife. In the autumn of 1849 he joined the Tennessee Conference. With the exception of a few years of ill health, during which he sustained a supernumerary relation, he performed all the duties of a Methodist itinerant. For three years he followed the fortunes of the Confederate Army in the capacity of a Chaplain. It was said by a friend, "No one can associate with Allen Tribble without being impressed for good." In the pulpit he had a spiritual magnetism that moved the masses. His eloquence was a creation of faith. He has been known at camp-meetings, when the interest would flag, to stir the people into the wildest enthusiasm by his exhortations. He was modest and retiring, and yet he was chivalrous. When a personal friend or the Church was in peril he rushed to the front, eager for the fray; and those who antagonized him admitted that he was a just and honorable opponent. He was an untiring Bible student, and thoroughly furnished in Methodist doctrine. He not only set his children an example of piety, but an example of energy; when not employed in the pastoral work, he was engaged in the garden and field. Whatever his hands found to do, he did with his might. Indeed, his strength was never equal to his energy; and just so long as he could stand upon his feet, he declared to the people the gospel of the Son of God. When he came to die, he said, "I have no fears; I am ready." He passed from labor to reward with no rust upon his sword—a valiant soldier of the line.

SIMON PETER WHITTEN was born in Newberry District, S. C., June 7, 1822. His father, Mason Whitten, and his mother, Nancy Hair, were both natives of the same district. When in his third year, his father removed to North Alabama, and settled near Florence. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, April 15, 1839, and was licensed to preach in August, 1841. He was married to Nancy Hayes, August 28, 1842. She died December 1, 1843. In October, 1844, he was received into the Tennessee Conference, and appointed to the Lincoln Circuit. Joseph Smith was his colleague. In 1845 he traveled

Marshall Circuit, in Alabama, with Joseph Turrentine. In 1846 he traveled Lawrence African Mission—had twenty appointments in three weeks. In 1847 he went to the Limestone Circuit with Dawson Phelps. In 1848 he was ordained elder by Bishop Paine (having been ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew in 1846), and stationed in Shelbyville, Tenn. From this time until 1860 he filled some of the most important appointments in the Tennessee Conference. In 1861 he was Presiding Elder of Centreville District, and returned in 1862, where he remained until 1865. This district embraced Forts Henry and Donelson, and was early the scene of war, and most of it was overrun backward and forward by the contending armies, and was especially the scene of many dashing raids and bold partisan warfare; but the presiding elder, feeling that there was the greater need for the Church to be taken care of, remained on his district, filling every appointment except two. In 1865 he was stationed in Huntsville, Ala., and on the 5th of November was married to Mary Williams, of Stewart County, Tenn. From 1866 to 1876 he was appointed and reappointed Agent of the American Bible Society for West Tennessee and North Mississippi. In April, 1876, he resigned his position as Bible Agent, and in the autumn of the same year returned to the regular work of the itinerancy, his connection with which he had never severed. In 1876 he was sent to the Mount Pleasant Circuit, where he served four years. In 1880 he was sent to Alexandria Circuit, where, after serving his people faithfully for near six months, on the morning of the 17th of May he peacefully laid aside the cross for the crown. His death was very sudden. He was in usual health, and after eating dinner he sat down and had a pleasant and cheerful conversation with his family, and proposed to ride to his recording steward's to procure facts preparatory to his District Conference. Stepping out of the parsonage to make ready for his ride, he was suddenly stricken with paralysis, and was brought back to the house, lingered thirty-six hours, and without speaking a word fell asleep in Christ. Brother Whitten was of medium size, compactly built, and usually enjoyed comfortable health. He had a sound mind, which he carefully cultivated by reading and study. He was an able minister of the New Testament, and a genuine Methodist preacher. His life was consistent, and his example worthy of imitation. He administered the affairs of the Church with prudence and marked ability. As circuit preacher, missionary, station preacher, presiding elder, and Bible Agent, he did his work with system, zeal, ability, and success. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1870, and honored his Conference in that relation. He belonged to a large family of Methodists, several of whom were and are honored Methodist preachers. He has left a widow in feeble health, who rejoices in hope of soon joining him in heaven, and two children, who esteem

it an honor to be the descendants of parents so worthy.

FERDINAND S. PETWAY was born in the town of Franklin, Tenn., January, 1819. His father, being a man of means, gave him a liberal education. He studied medicine, and at an early age graduated and entered upon its practice. After a brief period in professional life, he was awakened, and sought and found peace with God. He was happily converted, and consecrated himself to the service of Christ. Being called of God, he prepared himself for the work of the ministry, and was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference, October, 1845. His first circuit was Asbury, where he remained two years. He was then received into full connection, and ordained deacon. Two years more on the Harpeth and Spring Hill works, and he was ordained elder. From that time forward he was in demand, being a popular and useful preacher. During thirty-six years he labored in the Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, North Mississippi, and Memphis Conferences. He traveled circuits, was in town and city stations, on presiding elders' districts, and a missionary to the people of color. He also did efficient work as a chaplain in the Confederate Army. Dr. Petway was a gifted preacher, and during the days of his physical strength was an eminent revivalist. In the power of song and exhortation he was scarcely surpassed. His zeal knew no bounds, and he seemed to dismiss all care about worldly matters, and gave himself wholly to the work of the Master. He doubtless won thousands of souls, and will shine as the stars forever. He was twice married, and leaves a widow and four children, who need the sympathy and loving care of surviving friends. His last circuit was Pleasant Plains, where he did a faithful and successful year's work amidst serious difficulties. His health was feeble, and his physical frame was giving way under the pressure of years of toil and bodily affliction; for twelve long weeks, during the burning heat of an extraordinary summer, he was confined to his bed and room, suffering indescribable pain from a carbuncle that finally terminated his useful life; but during all his sickness he was patient and full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. His victory over the fear of death and the grave was complete. He praised God aloud, and was happy in hope of a better country. He spoke often of his brethren, and sent messages of love to the Conference, which convened the day before his death. He died October 20, and was interred at Mount Olivet, Nashville, October 22, after the funeral service had been performed by his life-long friend, Dr. J. B. McFerrin, and his esteemed presiding elder, the Rev. T. L. Moody. He was a member of the order of the Golden Cross. His brethren showed him marked respect in the hour of his burial. His last words were, "Let me go."

Ques. 20. Aro all the preachers blameless in

their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of Luther G. Hensley, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Savannah District.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Nashville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
McKendree.....	860	.....	7
Elm Street.....	702	.....	13
West End.....	285	.....	23
Carroll Street.....	392	.....	3
Arlington.....	93	2	1
North High Street.....	176	.....	2
Tulip Street.....	418	.....	2
Foster Street.....	218	.....	1
Hobson Chapel.....	96	.....	1
Greenland.....	155	.....	.....
Hermitage Circuit.....	321	.....	1
Riverside Circuit.....	157	.....	1
Nashville Circuit.....	447	.....	6
	4320	2	61

Gallatin District.

Gallatin Station.....	312	.....	.....
Gallatin Circuit and Sumner Miss....	158	.....	1
Goodlettsville Station.....	242	.....	2
Summit Circuit.....	368	.....	5
Forest Grove Mission.....	280	.....	5
Pleasant Grove Circuit.....	541	.....	2
Lebanon Station.....	226	.....	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	358	.....	2
Cairo Bend Circuit.....	228	.....	1
Bethphage Station.....	209	.....	1
Sumner Circuit.....	325	.....	1
Fountain Head Mission.....	234	.....	1
Hendersonville Circuit.....	325	.....	2
	3806	.....	23

Carthage District.

Carthage Circuit.....	227	.....	2
Mount Olivet Circuit.....	286	.....	1
Alexandria Circuit.....	482	.....	5
Cumberland Circuit.....	480	.....	5
Cokesbury Circuit.....	380	.....	3
Celina Circuit.....	359	1	2
Wartrace Circuit.....	416	.....	5
Goose Creek Circuit.....	345	.....	1
Gainesboro Mission.....	173	.....	3
Cookeville Mission.....	250	.....	2
Livingston Circuit.....	490	1	5
La Fayette Circuit.....	400	.....	3
Sinking Cane Circuit.....	210	.....	.....
	4598	2	37

McMinnville District.

McMinnville Station.....	210	.....	.....
McMinnville Circuit.....	430	.....	4
Tullahoma Circuit.....	72	.....	.....
Hillsboro Circuit.....	607	.....	8
Hebron Circuit.....	190	.....	1
Coffee Mission.....	180	.....	2
Hickory Creek Circuit.....	792	.....	2
Sparta Station.....	94	.....	.....
Sparta Circuit.....	507	.....	5
Hickory Valley Mission.....	271	.....	4
Smithville Station.....	110	.....	.....
Statesville Circuit.....	309	.....	2
Short Mountain Circuit.....	496	1	1
Caney Fork Mission.....	173	.....	3
Manchester Circuit.....	320	.....	3
	4761	1	35

Murfreesboro District.

Murfreesboro Station.....	431	.....	1
Stone's River Circuit.....	464	.....	2
Gladeville Circuit.....	276	.....	2
Concord Circuit.....	400	.....	3

Murfreesboro District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Shelbyville Station.....	192	.....	.....
Unionville Circuit.....	654	.....	3
Kedron Circuit.....	356	.....	2
Cainsville Circuit.....	387	.....	4
Bellbuckle Station.....	145	.....	.....
Wartrace and Mount Moriah.....	195	.....	.....
Woodbine Circuit.....	298	.....	1
Hollandale Circuit.....	310	.....	1
Woodbury Circuit.....	250	.....	3
Nolensville Circuit.....	297	.....	.....
	4655	.....	22

Fayetteville District.

Fayetteville Station.....	112	.....	.....
Fayetteville Circuit.....	490	.....	3
Medium Circuit.....	513	1	3
Lewisburg and Cornersville.....	208	.....	.....
Rich Valley Circuit.....	281	.....	.....
Pisgah Circuit.....	225	.....	5
Lynchburg and Mulberry.....	147	.....	.....
Marble Plains Circuit.....	583	.....	4
Winchester Station.....	106	.....	.....
Salem Circuit.....	785	2	11
Pleasant Plains Circuit.....	540	.....	3
Macedonia Circuit.....	364	.....	6
Petersburg Circuit.....	293	.....	2
Mooresville Circuit.....	380	.....	1
	5027	3	38

Columbia District.

Columbia Station.....	334	.....	1
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	185	.....	1
Culleoka Station.....	239	.....	3
Lynnville Circuit.....	174	.....	1
Pleasant Valley Circuit.....	345	.....	1
Olivet Station.....	189	.....	.....
Pinlaski Station.....	506	.....	1
Giles Circuit.....	382	.....	2
Trinity Circuit.....	355	.....	1
Prospect Circuit.....	357	.....	2
Elkton Station.....	118	.....	.....
Mount Pisgah Circuit.....	593	.....	8
Bee Springs and Shiloh Station.....	447	.....	1
Richland Circuit.....	314	.....	1
Bigbyville Circuit.....	240	.....	1
	4778	.....	24

Savannah District.

Savannah Station.....	158	.....	1
Williamsport Circuit.....	287	.....	3
Hampshire and Pisgah Station.....	122	.....	3
Enterprise and Bethel Station.....	168	.....	.....
Lawrenceburg Station.....	71	.....	.....
Laurel Hill Station.....	114	.....	1
Henryville Mission.....	189	2	1
Oakland Mission.....	317	.....	4
Wayland Springs Circuit.....	295	.....	4
Lowryville Circuit.....	311	.....	9
Savannah Circuit.....	350	.....	.....
Wayne Circuit.....	430	1	4
Linden Circuit.....	422	.....	5
	3224	3	35

Franklin District.

Franklin Station.....	305	.....	.....
Harpeth Station.....	215	.....	1
Bethlehem and White's Chapel.....	210	.....	1
Spring Hill Station.....	97	.....	.....
Brentwood and Johnson Station.....	227	.....	3
Berlin Circuit.....	367	.....	.....
Douglass Circuit.....	178	.....	.....
College Grove Circuit.....	357	1	2
Spring Hill Circuit.....	253	.....	6
Bethesda Circuit.....	350	.....	1
Chapel Hill Circuit.....	377	.....	2
Pope Circuit.....	203	.....	.....
Fernvale Circuit.....	285	.....	3
	3424	1	19

Centreville District.

Centreville Circuit.....	519	.....	3
Santa Fe Circuit.....	406	.....	5

Centreville District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Pinewood Circuit.....	203	.....	3
Kingston Circuit.....	112	.....	3
Erin and Cumberland City Circuit.....	334	.....	6
Dover Circuit.....	257	.....	2
Standing Rock Circuit.....	231	.....	4
White Oak and Yellow Creek Circuit.....	568	.....	10
Danville Circuit.....	246	.....	1
Ebenezer and Liberty Circuit.....	506	.....	5
Waverly Station.....	144	.....	.....
McEwen Mission.....	218	.....	1
Dickson Circuit.....	382	.....	3
Dickson Station.....	172	.....	1
	4298	.....	47

Clarksville District.

Clarksville Station.....	446	.....	2
New Providence and Bethel Station.....	140	.....	.....
Asbury Station.....	104	.....	1
Saline Circuit.....	582	.....	3
Blooming Grove Circuit.....	365	.....	3
Palmyra Circuit.....	355	.....	.....
Antioch Circuit.....	698	.....	5
Cheatham Circuit.....	393	.....	1
Ashland City Station.....	101	.....	2
Red River Circuit.....	480	.....	2
Springfield Station.....	180	.....	.....
Cedar Hill Station.....	351	.....	2
Port Royal Circuit.....	237	.....	3
Asbury Circuit.....	457	.....	2
	4829	.....	26

Recapitulation.

Nashville District.....	4320	2	61
Gallatin ".....	3806	.....	23
Carthage ".....	4598	2	37
McMinnville ".....	4761	1	35
Murfreesboro ".....	4655	.....	22
Fayetteville ".....	5027	3	38
Columbia ".....	4778	.....	24
Savannah ".....	3234	3	35
Franklin ".....	3424	1	19
Centreville ".....	4298	.....	47
Clarksville ".....	4829	.....	26
Total this year.....	47,730	12	367

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 844.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2872.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 457.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2982.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 23,509.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$3,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,515 88. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$5,146; Domestic Missions, \$2,470. Total, \$7,616.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Franklin, Tenn.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

W. D. F. Sawrie, P. E.

McKendree, J. B. West.
Elm Street, R. K. Brown.

Carroll Street, R. R. Jones.

North High Street, R. A. Reagan.

West End, R. A. Young.

Park Avenue Mission, J. R. Plummer.

Tulip Street, W. M. Leftwich, J. B. Hamilton, Sup.

Hobson Chapel, T. A. Kerley, W. R. Warren, Sup.

Foster Street, J. D. Scott, A. P. McFerrin, Sup.

Greenland, John F. Hughes.

Woodbine, William Doss.

Arlington, Lewis Powell.

Hermitage, W. G. Hensley.

Bethlehem, J. T. Blackwood.

Forest Grove, I. W. Keathley.

Fernvale, H. O. Moore.

Nashville Circuit, William D. Cherry.

Book Agent, J. B. McFerrin.

Financial Secretary of Vanderbilt University, R. A. Young.

Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and Financial Agent of Nashville Female College, D. C. Kelley.

Missionary to Brazil, J. J. Ransom.

Missionary to China, W. R. Lambuth.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

W. G. Dorriss, P. E.

Lebanon, A. G. Dinwiddie.

Lebanon Circuit, R. P. Ransom.

Pleasant Grove Circuit, R. P. Gray.

Bethphage, B. G. Ferrell.

Cairo Bend Circuit, J. J. Ellis, Sup.

Fountain Head Circuit, G. M. Saunders.

Gallatin Station, B. F. Haynes.

Gallatin Circuit, J. G. Ray.

Sumner Circuit, H. B. Blue.

Goodlettsville, R. E. Travis.

Hendersonville Circuit, B. F. Ferrell, A. C. Matthews, Sup.

Gladeville Circuit, J. J. Pittman.

Cainsville Circuit, G. B. McPeak.

Murfreesboro, J. P. McFerrin.

Hollandale Circuit, W. W. Graves.

Summit Circuit, to be supplied.

Soule Female College, Murfreesboro, J. R. Thompson, President.

CARTHAGE DISTRICT.

G. P. Jackson, P. E.

Carthage, Clinton Clenny.

Alexandria Circuit, H. S. Lee.

Livingston Circuit, G. D. Byrne.

Cumberland Circuit, N. B. S. Owings.

Goose Creek Circuit, T. H. Hinson.

Sinking Cane Circuit, J. L. Kellum.

Mount Olivet Circuit, J. J. Pitts.

Cookeville Circuit, G. W. Blanton.

Wartrace Circuit, Elijah Dickens.

La Fayette Circuit, S. H. Andrews.

Cokesbury Circuit, M. N. Ford.

Gainesboro Mission, to be supplied.

Celina Circuit, George W. Johnston, H. S. Kennedy, Sup.

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Anderson, P. E.

McMinnville, W. W. Pinson, C. B. Davis, Sup.
 McMinnville Circuit, W. P. Swindle.
 Sparta Station, E. K. Denton.
 Sparta Circuit, N. A. Anthony.
 Statesville Circuit, Joseph Webster.
 Tullahoma Station, A. T. Crawford.
 Coffee Mission, R. T. McBride.
 Smithville Station, C. M. Hensley.
 Hickory Valley Mission, W. N. Moore.
 Short Mountain Circuit, Alex. Matthews, A. H. Reams, Sup.
 Hickory Creek Circuit, J. G. Mulloy.
 Hillsboro Circuit, G. D. Guinn.
 Hebron Circuit, W. H. Gilbert.
 Woodbury Circuit, D. S. Thompson, U. S. Bates, Sup.
 Manchester Circuit, to be supplied (by A. L. Comer).
 Caney Fork Mission, to be supplied (by Joseph Bybee).
 Beech Grove College, O. G. Halliburton, President.

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

Thomas L. Moody, P. E.

Shelbyville, W. Burr.
 Winchester Station, A. A. Allison.
 Salem Circuit, George L. Beale.
 Fayetteville Station, H. S. McBride.
 Fayetteville Circuit, T. L. Darnell.
 Cornersville and Lewisburg, A. R. Faris.
 Petersburg Circuit, G. S. Byrom.
 Pisgah Circuit, J. O. Blanton, W. H. Anthony, Sup.
 Kelso Circuit, to be supplied.
 Medium Circuit, J. P. Funk.
 Rich Valley Circuit, S. M. Parks.
 Lynchburg, G. W. Wynn.
 Marble Plains Circuit, William McQueen.
 Berlin Circuit, S. W. Bransford.
 Wartrace and Mount Moriah, M. S. Stewart, T. B. Marks, Sup.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

J. A. Orman, P. E.

Columbia, T. J. Duncan.
 Richland Circuit, W. B. Lowry.
 Prospect Circuit, T. H. Woodward.
 Pleasant Valley Circuit, J. W. Bell.
 Hurricane and Bigbyville, J. F. Tinnon.
 Bee Springs and Shiloh, W. J. Collier.
 Elkton Station, W. T. Rowland, W. H. Riggan, Sup.
 Pulaski Station, J. M. Wright.
 Trinity Circuit, R. L. Fagan.
 Olivet Station, Joseph B. Erwin.
 Lynnvile, Jerome B. Anderson.
 Giles Circuit, C. E. Heriges.
 Mount Pleasant Circuit, S. M. Cherry.
 Culleoka Station, W. Weakley.
 Mount Pisgah Circuit, A. M. Ezell.
 Pleasant Plains Circuit, B. J. Gaston.
 Southport Circuit, T. F. Brown.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

P. A. Sowell, P. E.

Savannah Station, S. L. Fain.
 Savannah Circuit, to be supplied (by T. S. Duncan).
 Clifton Circuit, D. H. Merryman.
 Linden Circuit, G. W. McBride.
 Waynesboro Circuit, J. W. Rooker.
 Williamsport Circuit, J. G. Rice.
 Enterprise Station, H. B. Reams.
 Lawrenceburg Circuit, C. S. Gabard.
 Wayland Springs Circuit, M. J. Mabry.
 Lowryville Circuit, J. G. Gibson.
 Laurel Hill, J. H. Strayhorn.
 Oakland Mission, M. R. Tucker.
 Henryville Mission, J. W. Faris, W. P. Warren, Sup.
 Hampshire and Pisgah, J. H. Nichols.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Hill, P. E.

Franklin Station, W. M. Green.
 Douglass Circuit, A. T. Goodloe.
 Spring Hill Station, W. H. Wilkes.
 Spring Hill Circuit, W. H. Doss.
 College Grove Circuit, W. R. Peebles.
 Chapel Hill Circuit, W. A. Turner.
 Brentwood, T. B. Fisher.
 Bethesda Circuit, R. M. Haggard.
 Harpeth Station, John A. McFerrin.
 Stone's River Circuit, J. W. Cullom.
 Kedron Circuit, J. G. Myers.
 Nolensville Circuit, L. C. Bryan.
 Concord Circuit, H. J. Ivie, C. B. Faris, Sup.
 Bellbuckle Station, R. J. Craig.
 Unionville Circuit, J. M. Jordan, W. M. Shaw, Sup.

CENTREVILLE DISTRICT.

J. J. Comer, P. E.

Centreville Circuit, W. T. Dye.
 Santa Fe Circuit, R. W. Seay.
 Pinewood Circuit, E. W. White.
 Standing Rock Circuit, John N. Handlin.
 Dover Circuit, C. H. Yates.
 Danville Circuit, U. N. M. Berry.
 Ebenezer and Liberty Circuit, Jasper Nichols.
 Waverly Station, J. W. Hensley.
 White Oak Circuit, J. G. Hinson.
 Yellow Creek Circuit, H. S. Ledbetter, W. T. Nesbitt, Sup.
 Erin and Cumberland City Circuit, William Witcher.
 McEwen Mission, to be supplied.
 Dickson Station, Z. W. Moores.
 Dickson Circuit, B. H. Johnson.
 White Bluff Mission, W. P. Hickman.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

R. K. Hargrove, P. E.

Clarksville Station, J. D. Barbee, J. W. Hanner, sr., Sup.
 New Providence and Bethel, W. Mooney.
 Montgomery Circuit, T. S. Cullom, R. W. Bellamy, Sup.

Palmyra Circuit, J. R. Reagin, R. P. Gannaway, Sup.
 Cheatham Circuit, Garrett W. Martin.
 Ashland City, L. R. Amiss.
 Red River Circuit, W. A. Leath.
 Springfield Station, J. W. Hanner, jr., S. D. Ogburn, Sup.
 Cedar Hill Circuit, J. G. Bolton.
 Port Royal Ct., W. W. Brinsfield, A. Coke, Sup.
 Asbury Circuit, J. C. Putmán.

State Line Mission, to be supplied.
 Antioch Circuit, B. M. Stephens.
 Saline Circuit, William S. Scott.

W. W. Jared transferred to Western Conference.

William T. Gill transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

John S. Williams transferred to Indian Mission Conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, *November 23-28, 1881.*

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; H. V. PHILPOTT, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. William H. Brooks, Samuel N. Barker. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? B. F. Childers, B. F. Johnson, H. B. Stocking, J. R. Dunn. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Milton H. Porter, J. H. Chambliss. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Horace M. Du Bose, from Mississippi Conference; W. E. Weaver, from North-west Texas Conference; E. C. Finley, from East Texas Conference. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Milton S. Hotchkiss, James A. Duncan. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? William Taylor, T. B. Graves. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Thomas B. Graves. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Joseph C. Mickel, Joseph L. Murray, H. M. Du Bose, Thomas F. Dimmitt, J. W. Kelly. 5.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. C. Mickel, J. L. Murray, H. M. Du Bose, T. F. Dimmitt, J. W. Kelly, J. H. Collard. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Jacob

Matthews, S. J. Graves, C. J. Lane, William Shapard, J. M. Whipple. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? T. W. Blake, J. M. Turner, Alex. Henkle, James G. Johnson, N. A. Cravens, Robert Alexander, J. H. Davidson. 7.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Robert W. Kennon, Fred. F. Wilson, U. C. Spencer, A. B. F. Kerr. 4.

ROBERT W. KENNON was born Jan. 25, 1813. He was converted and joined the Church, October, 1836. He came to Texas from Louisiana at an early age, and was connected with one of our Church-schools in San Augustine. He was afterward engaged in teaching in Houston, Matagorda, and Richmond. He was readmitted into the Texas Conference about 1854 or 1855; but the records of the Conference having been lost, we have no guide as to his work until 1858. He was that year placed on the Huntsville District, which he served during 1859-61; Galveston District, 1862-64; Hempstead and Salem, 1865. The record fails to give his appointment in 1866. In 1867 he was in Bellville; Rock Island and Independence, 1868-69; Union Hill, 1870; Burton, 1871. He was superannuated in 1872. In 1873 he appears at Fayetteville Mission; McDade, 1874; Bryan Circuit, 1875; Columbus District, 1876-77; Flatonia, 1878; Zion, 1879; Independence, 1880-81. Soon after he reached this, his last field of labor in the vineyard of his Master, he was violently attacked with inflammatory fever—the result of exposure to a severe “norther” and rain. From the beginning of his attack he was impressed with the idea that he would not recover, but expressed his perfect resignation, and gave assurance that

through the merits of his Redeemer he was prepared to enter upon his reward. On the 23d of January, 1881, he passed into the better land, and those who honored and loved him gave him Christian burial.

FREDERICK F. WILSON was born November, 1853, in Lowndes County, Ala. He was the son of the Rev. L. M. Wilson, of the North Alabama Conference. In his fifteenth year he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. We have failed to get the date of his call to the ministry, or the date of his being licensed to preach. In July, 1879, he graduated at the University of Alabama. The Huntsville Station, in this Conference, being without a pastor, he was employed by the presiding elder to fill the station, and did so in an acceptable manner until the close of the Conference-year. He was admitted on trial into the Texas Conference, at Austin, December, 1879. In 1880 he served the Washington-street Station in Houston, doing a successful year's work. At the Conference in Brenham he was placed in charge of Columbus Station, and he entered upon his work with faith to do a full year's work. But alas! soon he was stopped by disease, and in July he passed peacefully away to his reward. Brother Wilson had just begun what seemed to all his brethren a life of great usefulness to the Church. Being reared in the lap of Methodism, he began at once to put his knowledge into practice by adapting himself to all the work of the pastor, and looking after all the interests of the Church. He was a student and worker, and in his death this Conference has lost an efficient laborer.

URBAN C. SPENCER was born April 19, 1817, in North Carolina. His parents removed to Missouri in 1820, in which State he received the advantages of a liberal education. He entered the ministry in 1836, and labored for several years in the Missouri Conference. In 1842 he married. For several years he did valuable service as a local preacher. He was elected President of Point Pleasant Academy in 1850, and held the position for three years. Subsequently he joined the St. Louis Conference, and was transferred to the Texas Conference. He served Washington Circuit in 1858-59; Anderson Circuit, 1860; Waco Station, 1861. He was then located, and accepted the Presidency of Washington Female Institute, which position he filled for five years. He was readmitted into the Texas Conference in 1871, and appointed to Spring Creek Circuit that year, and also in 1872. In 1873 he filled Columbia Station; in 1874 he was sent to Anderson Circuit; in 1875 to Plantersville; in 1876-77 to Hempstead, and in 1878 to Columbia. Pending his labors at Columbia he exchanged with Brother Williamson, in order that Sister Williamson, who was passing away from earth, might spend her last hours at her father's home. He labored the remaining portion of the year most efficiently on

Weimar Circuit. He was returned to Weimar in 1879-80, and in 1881 was sent to La Grange, where he closed his ministerial labors. Finding that his strength and life were ebbing away, he returned from La Grange to his home in Hempstead, where he passed peacefully to his rest, Sept. 21, 1881. Brother Spencer was a close student, and of remarkable power of analysis. Few men studied the word of God more faithfully, or followed with greater fidelity his convictions respecting its interpretation. He offered no immature thought to his congregation. His sermons were the result of long and patient study, and never failed deeply to impress all who heard them. He was a man of great pulpit power, and always welcome to the charge to which he was sent. With large mental resources and liberal culture, he was singularly unassuming. Firm in his convictions, and bold in their utterance, his unobtrusive meekness recommended him to the affection of his brethren. He was a Methodist preacher who felt that he was honored by any work where sinners needed the message of life. His friends thought he should have retired years ago from the active ministry; but he loved his Master's service, and was unwilling to retire from the field. He died with his harness on. During his protracted sufferings not a murmur escaped his lips. That gospel he had preached in life supported him in death. His house was in order, his life-work done, and calmly and peacefully he went to his rest.

A. B. F. KERR came to Texas when it was a province of the Republic of Mexico. He was converted, when a small boy, at one of the first camp-meetings held in Texas by Brother Alexander. From that time his entire life was a continuous walk with God. His early opportunities for mental culture were necessarily very limited. In 1844 he was a student at Rutgersville College. In 1845 he followed his teacher, who is a member of this Conference, to Independence, where he continued the study of Latin, and assisted in teaching the school. While there he informed his teacher that he felt it to be his duty to preach, but feared his feeble constitution would not justify him in undertaking so arduous a work. Following the advice of his teacher, he received license to preach, and labored one year in the local ranks in order to settle by actual trial the question of physical ability for the work. In December, 1846, he was admitted on trial into the Texas Conference, and was appointed junior preacher on Brazoria Circuit with Brother J. M. Wesson, senior preacher. But Richmond being without a preacher, the presiding elder placed Brother Kerr on that work. The next year he was sent to Seguin Circuit, where he did a faithful year's work, and accomplished much good. One year he was Agent for Rutgersville College. He filled Matagorda Station, Rock Island Circuit, Goliad Station, and Rutgersville Circuit. While in the midst of his labors on

the latter work he was prostrated by a severe hemorrhage, which rendered him utterly unable to preach, and compelled him to ask a superannuated relation to this Conference. Having a family to support by his personal exertions, he engaged in teaching at Fayetteville; but the labor was too much for his lungs. He finally went to the plow, and two or three years' work in the open field so improved his health that he said to the Bishop, "Give me work on a circuit." His heart was all the time set upon that great work. But the experiment again proved that his zeal for the Master transcended his physical strength. Brother Kerr was a clear-headed, practical preacher. His life was one of much toil and great suffering. Two days ago the intelligence reached this Conference that his sufferings came to an end Nov. 21, 1881, at San Marcus. A good man and true has gone to his reward—always cheerful amid toil and sufferings, because always enjoying the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Galveston District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. John's.....	265	.....
St. James's.....	120	.....
Shearn Church.....	312	.....
Washington Street.....	34	.....
Columbia.....	66	1
Velasco.....	120	.....
Matagorda.....	64	1
San Felipe.....	178	.....
Eagle Lake.....	98	.....
Richmond.....	60	.....
Galveston and Clear Creek Mission.....	86	2
Cedar Bayou.....	148	.....
	1551	4

Austin District.

Austin.....	334	3
Austin City Mission.....	5	.....
Austin Circuit.....	235	3
Webberville.....	245	1
Cedar Creek.....	230	.....
Bastrop.....	110	.....
Winchester.....	191	1
West Point.....	185	2
Elgin.....	203	.....
La Grange.....	75	.....
Flatonia.....	252	3
Weimar.....	218	1
Columbus.....	85	.....
	2376	14

Chapel Hill District.

Chapel Hill.....	136	2
Travis Circuit.....	106	2
Brenham.....	176	.....
Bryan.....	230	2
Bryan Circuit.....	281	.....
Hockley and Hempstead.....	110	.....
Millican and Welborne.....	146	.....
Independence.....	.....	.....
Burton and Giddings.....	142	2
Caldwell.....	133	2
Lexington.....	219	3

Chapel Hill District (continued).

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Elbee.....	189	1
Nail's Creek Mission.....	40	2
	1908	16

Huntsville District.

Huntsville.....	95	.....
Dodge Mission.....	160	2
Cold Springs.....	155	1
Willis.....	150	2
Plantersville and Montgomery.....	211	2
Navasota.....	94	2
Madisonville.....	380	2
Zion.....	214	4
Anderson.....	181	1
Prairie Plains.....	275	2
Spring Creek.....	220	4
	2138	22

Recapitulation.

Galveston District.....	1551	4
Austin ".....	2376	14
Chapel Hill ".....	1908	16
Huntsville ".....	2138	22
Total this year.....	7973	56

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 489.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 386.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 64.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 488.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 3599.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,064 72.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,064 72. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$1,557 18; Domestic Missions, \$789 40. Total, \$2,346 58.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Bryan, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

GALVESTON DISTRICT.

Thomas W. Rogers, P. E.

St. John's, G. W. Briggs.

St. James's, H. M. Du Bose.

Shearn Church (Houston), S. H. Werlein.

Washington Street, to be supplied (by P. E. Nicholson).

Columbia, A. T. Hotchkiss.

Velasco, to be supplied (by R. O. Brazzleton).

Matagorda, B. F. Johnson.

San Felipe, C. R. Shapard.

Eagle Lake, R. F. Beasley.

Richmond, to be supplied.

Houston City Mission, J. W. Kelly.

Bolivar Mission, to be supplied.

Cedar Bayou, G. H. Phair.

Texas Christian Advocate, I. G. John, Editor.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

E. S. Smith, P. E.

Austin, A. E. Goodwyn, Wm. Shapard, Sup.
 Austin Circuit, M. S. Hotchkiss.
 Colorado Mission, J. W. Whipple.
 Webberville, W. G. Nelms.
 Cedar Creek, W. E. Weaver.
 Bastrop and Hill's Prairie, J. A. Duncan.
 Winchester, E. C. Finley.
 West Point, T. J. Thomasson.
 Elgin, M. H. Porter, J. M. Whipple, Sup.
 La Grange and Elinger, J. L. Murray.
 Flatonia, W. Wooten, C. J. Lane, Sup.
 Weimar, Wesley Smith.
 Columbus, C. W. Thomas.
 South-western University, F. A. Mood, Regent.

CHAPEL HILL DISTRICT.

B. D. Dashiell, P. E.

Chapel Hill, S. C. Littlepage, John Matthews, Sup.
 Brenham, F. T. Mitchell.
 Bryan, H. V. Philpott.
 Bryan Circuit, Samuel N. Barker.
 Hockley and Hempstead, to be supplied.

Millican and Welborne, T. F. Dimmitt.
 Independence, F. A. McShan.
 Burton and Giddings, A. L. P. Green.
 Caldwell, J. L. Lemons.
 Lexington, to be supplied (by T. B. Buckingham).
 Elbee, John R. Dunn.
 Nail's Creek Mission, to be supplied (by John Thompson).

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

C. H. Brooks, P. E.

Huntsville, F. L. Allen.
 Waverly, C. L. Farrington.
 Cold Springs, J. P. Childers.
 Willis, to be supplied.
 Plantersville and Montgomery, H. B. Stocking.
 Navasota, J. C. Mickle.
 Madisonville, to be supplied (by Thomas B. Graves).
 Zion, J. H. Chambliss.
 Anderson, W. J. Phillips.
 Prairie Plains, W. H. Brooks.
 Spring Creek, Samuel H. Brown.
 American Bible Society, J. M. Wesson, Agent.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., November 16-21, 1881.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. Henry Hunt. 1.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Walter G. Bates, John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, Charles W. Cain, Wilbur F. Tillett, William E. Grant, Walter W. Sawyer, Arthur C. Jordan, Joseph T. Routten, William A. Tompkins, William T. Williams. 11.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Charles E. Wrenn. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Joseph B. Askew, Randolph F. Gayle, John S. Wallace. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Jesse T. Whitley, from Western Virginia Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Junius B. Deberry, Edward G. Chandler, George W. Wray, John C. Rosser, David J. Traynham, Theodore O. Edwards, Jacob N. Rosser, Richard O. Payne, Joseph R. Sturgis, William T. Green, James W. Stiff. 11.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elect-

ed deacons? Randolph F. Gayle, John S. Wallace, John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, William E. Grant, Joseph T. Routten. 6.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Randolph F. Gayle, John S. Wallace, John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, William E. Grant, Joseph T. Routten. 6.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Joseph G. Lennon. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Joseph G. Lennon. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John W. S. Robins, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas McN. Simpson, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, Abraham B. Warwick, Robert B. Blankenship, Andrew J. Bradshaw, Robert H. Younger. 10.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? John W. S. Robins, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas McN. Simpson, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, Abraham B. Warwick, Robert B. Blankenship, Andrew J. Bradshaw, Robert H. Younger. 10.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Henry C. Bowles, William H. Camper, Joseph S. R. Clarke, Thomas H. Early, Lewis A. Guy, Joseph E. Potts, Thomas A. Ware, James A. Riddick, Walter C. Taylor, James W. Connelly. 9.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Robert A. Gregory, Robert Michaels, William A. Robinson, Benjamin M. Williams, William Carter, James McAden, Samuel T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, H. H. Gary, John C. Garlick, John McClelland, George W. Nolley, James L. Fisher, John B. Laurens, Fielding A. Davis, Thomas Diggs, Leroy M. Lee, Benjamin F. Woodward. 18.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? William J. Norfleet, Benjamin T. Ames. 2.

WILLIAM J. NORFLEET, son of James and Mary Norfleet, was born in Edenton, North Carolina, March 8, 1815, and died in Norfolk, Virginia, January 14, 1881. Before he was two years old he was left an orphan, but was in the hands of Christian relatives, who trained him up in the Church of his parents, who were among the first members of the Methodist Church in Edenton. His religious convictions date back to the summer of 1829, when, under the ministry of the Rev. James Dey, he became a penitent at the altar in that town; but not being satisfied of his conversion, he did not join the Church until January, 1831. On the 16th day of February, 1839, he was licensed as a local preacher by the Quarterly Conference of Edenton Station, and was employed by the Rev. G. W. Nolley, Presiding Elder, a part of that year as assistant preacher on Princess Anne Circuit. He commenced his work in August at a protracted-meeting conducted by the local preachers at Cutherell's, near the Great Bridge. That meeting was a great blessing to him. He was encouraged. God attested his call, and gave him many souls to his ministry. He was received on trial in the Virginia Conference at its session in Farmville, February, 1840, and was assigned to the Smithfield Circuit, with the Rev. Joshua Leigh as preacher in charge. This was a large circuit, embracing the Counties of Isle of Wight and Surry, with some appointments in Southampton, Sussex, and Prince George. His next appointment was at Farmville Station, 1841. At the close of that year he was elected to deacon's orders, and was received into full connection. He was returned to Smithfield Circuit, which had been reduced in size, and made a compact circuit of eight appointments. During the next twenty years he filled the following appointments consecutively: Amelia, two years; Lunenburg, one year; Gloucester, two years; Gates, two years; Suffolk, two

years; Elizabeth City, two years; Nottoway, one year; Murfreesboro, one year; Pasquotank, two years; Edenton, one year; and the Edenton Mission to colored people, four years. On the Murfreesboro Circuit his health began to fail, and on Pasquotank Circuit his health was so enfeebled that, at the next Conference, he asked a supernumerary relation; but at the solicitation of his presiding elder he withdrew his request, and consented to take Edenton Station. In all these circuits and stations God gave him success in winning souls, and in several of them were gracious revivals, and very many souls were converted to God. At the Conference of 1862 he was placed on the supernumerary list, and continued in this relation to the Conference until his death. After the war he removed to Norfolk and settled, joining the Granby-street Church. In this Church he labored in various capacities up to the time when the Queen-street Church was built. Feeling, doubtless, that this young Church needed his help more than the old-established Church at Granby Street, he united with it, and threw his soul, labor, and means, into the work of its development. In the pulpit, Sabbath-school, and elsewhere, as opportunity offered and ability was given him, he devoted himself to the building up of the Church at this point. The school and congregation deeply appreciated his labors, and learned to love him with ardent affection. As a man, he was high-toned, gentlemanly in his bearing, courteous, genial, unobtrusive, modest; as a friend, warm-hearted, sincere, faithful; as a husband and father, he was devoted, of womanly tenderness, and ceaseless in his considerate care of the comfort and happiness of his beloved family; as a Christian, humble, devoted, undemonstrative—of strong, abiding faith, and cheerful hope—the sunshine of his religion was felt all about him; as a minister of the gospel, consecrated, loving his work, and being loved both for himself and his works' sake unto the end. As a preacher, his style was clear, his voice pleasant, his manner grave and earnest, and his sermons full of the marrow of the gospel, delivered plainly, but with loving fervor, upon the souls of his hearers. Last year he had a most painful and protracted illness, which it was thought would terminate his life; but he rallied, and during the summer and fall had seemingly recovered his usual health. He was at our last Conference, in Danville, and many of us will recall his genial face and brotherly greetings there. His old malady returned upon him suddenly about a week before his death, and soon ended his earthly life. To vindicate all that we have said and implied of him as a Christian, in this very brief sketch, we have only to quote the following, among many similar utterances which fell from his lips, during his illness last year, and that which ended his noble life. These utterances of his will, we are sure, be precious and comforting to his many friends under whose eyes they may fall, and whom in other days he sought to lead to heaven. His

illness last year was of several weeks' duration, and his suffering at times agonizing. We quote from one who watched with tenderest love at his bedside during that illness. She says: "At times his face would become perfectly radiant, and he would become almost ecstatic in his exclamations of love and praise." It was glorious to be at his bedside at such times to witness what the religion of Jesus can do for our souls. One day, when suffering the most extreme agony, he prayed to be relieved, but added, "Father, not my will, but thine be done. If I can glorify thee by suffering, let me suffer still—only give me grace to bear it." At another time he said,

"In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Yes, no price I bring; but O the joy, the comfort, of this sweet, abiding hope!" He would talk in this strain sometimes for half an hour, and then fall into a sweet, refreshing sleep. The death of Brother John Bayley, occurring at that time, seemed to affect him very much. The next Sunday he said, "How I would like to spend this Sabbath around our Father's throne with my dear Brother Bayley!" (They joined the Conference together.) But there was no discontent or murmuring in his longing to go and realize the reward for which he had labored so long. Resignation reigned supreme over every other feeling. During this illness his beloved wife was sitting one day with his hands clasped in hers, when with a radiant face he looked up at her, and said, "I may not be conscious when the end comes, but rest assured of this, that when the brittle thread of life is clipped, I shall fall into the arms of Jesus." His final illness lasted only about a week, and was violent from the first, often rendering him unconscious. When conscious, however, he would often exclaim, "Blessed Jesus! yes, my Almighty Friend!" On another occasion he said, "O the joy, the bliss, of knowing, of realizing all that heaven means!" On the evening preceding his death, his wife, herself tortured by the agony of his sufferings, said to him, "If it were the Lord's will to take you, I would rather give you up than see you suffering such agony, for I know you are not afraid to die, or do not dread death." To which he replied, "O no, death has no terror or gloom to me! If it were His will to take me to-night, or at this very moment, I am ready and willing to go; but, Lord, if it is thy will that I should suffer longer, I am willing to suffer!" He then closed his eyes and repeated the second stanza of the hymn, "I would not live away," emphasizing and repeating twice the words, "No, welcome the tomb." Then he repeated the words,

"O blessed Jesus, O how long
Have I on earth to stay?
Roll on, roll on, ye wheels of Time,
And bring the joyful day."

This he was constantly repeating all during his illness, always closing with "Yes, that joyful day!" These were his last words, except to

call his wife's name. He thus passed away gently, and without a struggle. What a fitting end to such a life! Who that can read these utterances of this suffering and dying man of God, and not thank God for the reality and blessedness of our holy religion?

BENJAMIN THOMAS AMES, son of John and Polly Ames, was born in Accomac County, Va., Jan. 7, 1821. Just before he had reached man's estate his mother was removed by death. Very soon afterward divine truth took hold of his heart, and he was happily converted to God—being the first soul born in Wesley Chapel, an old church still standing in Locustville, though unused, having been superseded by a very neat structure named for our beloved James A. Duncan. He delayed not to connect himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, identifying himself fully with all her enterprises for advancing the cause of the Redeemer. Soon after his conversion the Church called upon him to exercise his gifts as an exhorter, and a few months later to fill the position of a local preacher. He closely allied himself to the Sunday-school work, and now by the adult generation of the neighborhood he is spoken of as "the model superintendent." On the 1st of February, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Juliet A. James, who was a helpmeet indeed, and who, during all his years of sore physical affliction, was as a "ministering angel." April 4, 1856, he was ordained to the office of a local deacon by Bishop Scott, in Philadelphia. When, in 1857, a large portion of the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Eastern Shore of Virginia adhered South, he cast in his lot with them. Feeling impelled to go out into a wider field of usefulness, Brother Ames was recommended, in 1858, by Eastville Circuit, for admission on trial into the traveling connection; and in November of that year, in Portsmouth, he was received by the Virginia Conference, and for two successive years appointed to Charles City Circuit. In 1860 he was sent to York Circuit; but the war breaking out a few months after he reached that field, and his labors being interrupted, he removed with his family to the county of his birth. In 1861, at Norfolk, he was elected to elder's orders, but, being absent, was not ordained. The war being in progress, and the Eastern Shore thus virtually for the time separated from the Conference, Bishop Andrew formed the Atlantic District, and placed Brother Ames in charge as presiding elder. Having no other traveling preacher in his district, he did his utmost to supply the spiritual wants of the flock of Christ. In 1862 Atlantic Circuit was instituted in connection with the Washington District, and Brother Ames appointed thereto, with but one other pastor on the district. In 1863-64 he was returned to the same charge, and in 1865 was placed as assistant on the same circuit. At the session of this body held at Charlottesville, in 1868, he was placed on the superannuated list, and

has since been annually returned thereon. When duty called, Brother Ames was deaf to every other voice. During the years in which he was almost alone in his ministerial work on the Eastern Shore, he traveled, preached, visited the sick and sorrowing, buried the dead, and performed other arduous duties of an itinerant in his extensive field, not ceasing for heat nor cold, rain nor snow. Jan. 8, 1866 (one of the coldest days in many years), he traveled not less than twenty miles to preach a funeral-sermon, at the request of the subject on his death-bed. Having been nearly frozen on the journey thither and returning, he repaired to his home, and three days afterward was partially paralyzed. He was enabled to attend, in a measure, to his engagements for about eighteen months; but fourteen years since, in 1867, by another attack he was helplessly stricken down, during all which long and weary years, up to the very last hour, his devoted wife was with him, assisted by other relatives, doing for him every thing that affection could suggest, or he could request. Brother Ames was a perfect pattern of patience and resignation. His peace was caused "to flow as a river." Up to the last few weeks his mind had been entirely clear. As his pastor for nearly three years, we had the privilege of frequent conversations with him, in all of which he assured us of his entire resignation and preparation; that he was "patiently waiting for the Lord to call him," and that in all his sickness he had been "a stranger to that fear that hath torment." On the morning of September 27, 1881, a few minutes after midnight, death gently, almost imperceptibly, dissolved his earthly tabernacle, and his freed spirit was doubtless wafted away to the realms of bliss. Thus has passed away "a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," and his works do follow him. Many will rise up to call him blessed at the last day. He was faithful in all the relations of life. His widow, two daughters, two brothers, a sister, and many other relatives, survive to cherish his memory. After a suitable service at the church in Locustville, September 28, we laid his body to rest within a few yards of where he first saw the light, to await the summons of the resurrection trump.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Randolph-Macon District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Ashland.....	162	.....	.....
Spottsylvania.....	187	.....	1
Caroline.....	333	.....	1
Bowling Green.....	245	.....	1
Middlesex.....	530	.....	.....
King and Queen.....	581	.....	1

Randolph-Macon District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
King William.....	273	3	.....
Essex.....	218	.....	1
Hanover.....	334	.....	.....
West Hanover.....	449	1	.....
Goochland.....	247	.....	.....
West Goochland.....	134	.....	.....
King George.....	372	1	1
Montross.....	265	32	1
Westmoreland.....	351	.....	3
Heathsville.....	548	.....	1
Bethany Station.....	202	.....	.....
Lancaster.....	384	.....	3
East Louisa Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
	5816	37	14

Richmond District.

Trinity.....	470	.....	1
Broad Street.....	360	.....	1
Centenary.....	477	.....	2
Park Place.....	291	.....	2
Clay Street.....	501	.....	.....
Laurel Street.....	272	.....	1
Union Station.....	385	.....	2
Nicholson Street.....	95	.....	.....
Manchester and Fifth Street.....	533	.....	1
Henrico.....	339	1	.....
Charles City.....	303	2	1
New Kent.....	210	2	.....
West New Kent.....	183	1	2
Williamsburg.....	66	.....	.....
James town.....	79	.....	.....
Gloucester.....	879	1	2
Matthews.....	822	2	1
West Matthews.....	386	.....	1
	6651	9	17

Eastern Shore District.

Eastville.....	402	.....	.....
Belle Haven.....	123	.....	1
Pangoteague.....	602	.....	2
Onancock.....	525	.....	.....
Atlantic.....	350	.....	.....
Wicomico.....	229	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	93	.....	.....
Berlin.....	217	.....	2
Dorchester.....	445	.....	1
South Dorchester.....	71	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	125	.....	3
Accomac.....	345	.....	1
Hooper's Island.....	123	.....	.....
	3650	.....	10

Murfreesboro District.

Murfreesboro.....	103	.....	1
Northampton.....	748	.....	2
Meherrin.....	514	.....	2
Bertie.....	236	1	.....
Hertford.....	625	.....	1
Pasquotank.....	543	.....	1
Elizabeth City.....	182	.....	1
Suffolk.....	205	.....	.....
Gates.....	1013	.....	1
Southampton.....	610	.....	.....
North Southampton.....	295	.....	1
Chuckatuck.....	232	.....	.....
Camden.....	439	.....	1
Dare.....	524	.....	2
Hertford Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Edenton.....	53	.....	.....
Harrellsville.....	235	.....	1
	6357	1	14

Farmville District.

Farmville.....	126	1	.....
Prince Edward.....	238	2	.....
Burkeville.....	179	3	1
Lunenburg.....	455	1	.....
West Lunenburg.....	147	.....	.....

Farmville District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Boydton.....	67	1	.....
Boydton Circuit.....	314	3	1
Clarksville.....	55	1	.....
Mecklenburg.....	371	.....	.....
Brunswick.....	589	1	2
West Brunswick.....	462	.....	3
South Brunswick.....	619	.....	2
Nottoway.....	540	1	1
Annelia.....	401	2	4
Cumberland.....	379	1	.....
Cartersville.....	263	2	.....
Buckingham.....	354	.....	1
North Mecklenburg.....	464	.....	2
	6023	19	17

Norfolk District.

Cumberland Street.....	565	.....	3
Granby Street.....	400	.....	.....
Queen Street.....	151	.....	.....
Berkeley.....	156	.....	1
Monumental.....	475	.....	.....
Central.....	334	.....	3
Second Street.....	162	.....	.....
Norfolk Circuit.....	290	.....	.....
East Norfolk Circuit.....	298	.....	.....
South Norfolk Circuit.....	433	.....	2
Princess Anne.....	879	.....	5
Currituck.....	516	.....	2
Hampton.....	156	.....	1
York.....	708	1	2
Smithfield and Benn's.....	275	.....	2
Isle of Wight.....	310	.....	.....
Fox Hill.....	126	.....	.....
	6234	1	21

Danville District.

Main Street.....	300	.....	1
Lynn Street.....	162	.....	.....
North Danville.....	102	.....	.....
Charlotte.....	261	.....	.....
West Charlotte.....	240	4	.....
South Boston.....	335	.....	1
South of Dan.....	256	.....	.....
Chatham.....	314	.....	1
Pittsylvania.....	302	2	1
North Pittsylvania.....	276	.....	1
North-west Pittsylvania.....	142	.....	.....
Franklin.....	312	1	.....
West Franklin.....	202	.....	1
East Franklin.....	331	.....	3
Henry.....	365	.....	1
Patrick.....	192	4	1
South Patrick.....	283	11	.....
Halifax.....	304	.....	.....
East Halifax.....	103	.....	.....
	4782	22	11

Charlottesville District.

Charlottesville.....	241	.....	.....
Albemarle.....	429	2	.....
Louisa.....	740	5	2
Scottsville.....	613	4	2
Fluvanna.....	580	2	1
Milton.....	294	.....	1
Batesville.....	443	8	.....
Gordonsville and Orange.....	146	.....	.....
Orange Circuit.....	263	.....	1
Culpepper.....	74	.....	.....
Rappahannock.....	313	3	1
Woodville.....	326	.....	.....
Madison.....	433	2	.....
Greene.....	506	2	1
Piedmont Mission.....	218	.....	2
Culpepper Circuit.....	344	.....	3
	5963	28	14

Petersburg District.

Washington Street.....	524	.....	2
Market Street.....	345	.....	.....
High Street.....	381	.....	2

Petersburg District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Wesley.....	198	.....	2
Blandford.....	76	.....	1
Ettrick.....	250	.....	2
Chesterfield.....	455	1	2
Matoaca.....	130	.....	.....
Dinwiddie.....	597	.....	.....
West Dinwiddie.....	303	.....	.....
Sussex.....	317	.....	3
North Sussex.....	171	.....	3
Hicksford.....	218	.....	1
Prince George.....	329	1	.....
Surry.....	181	.....	.....
Wakefield.....	172	.....	2
Coalfield.....	177	.....	.....
Clover Hill.....	189	.....	1
	5013	2	21

Lynchburg District.

Centenary.....	346	1	1
Court Street.....	427	.....	1
Madison.....	220	.....	.....
Amherst.....	348	1	1
West Amherst.....	472	.....	1
Mount Pleasant.....	370	.....	2
Bedford.....	437	3	2
South-east Bedford.....	356	1	4
Middle Bedford.....	432	.....	1
North Bedford.....	305	.....	1
Liberty.....	149	.....	.....
Bedford Springs.....	330	.....	.....
Nelson.....	380	.....	1
Appomattox.....	794	1	3
Campbell.....	514	.....	.....
South Campbell.....	174	.....	.....
Prospect.....	414	.....	2
Bedford Mission.....	20	.....	.....
Glenmore Mission.....	110	.....	.....
West Bedford.....	290	.....	.....
	6888	7	20

Recapitulation.

Randolph-Macon District.....	5816	37	14
Richmond.....	6651	9	17
Eastern Shore.....	3650	.....	10
Murfreesboro.....	6357	1	14
Farmville.....	6023	19	17
Norfolk.....	6234	1	21
Danville.....	4782	22	11
Charlottesville.....	5963	28	14
Petersburg.....	5013	2	21
Lynchburg.....	6888	7	20
Total this year.....	57,377	126	159

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1261.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2068.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 670.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 7231.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 42,006.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,020.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$6,827 66. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$8,909 18; Domestic Missions, \$4,854 04. Total, \$13,763 22.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Portsmouth, Va.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

R. N. Sledd, P. E.

Trinity, J. W. Bledsoe.
Broad Street, W. G. Starr.
Centenary, P. A. Peterson.
Park Place, John Hannon.
Clay Street, S. S. Lambeth.
Laurel Street, W. P. Wright.
Union, W. C. Vaiden.
Nicholson Street, John M. Saunders.
Manchester and Fifth Street, E. P. Wilson.
Henrico, L. S. Reed.
Charles City, J. T. Lumpkin.
New Kent and James City, W. J. Twilley.
West New Kent, John M. Burton.
Williamsburg and Bigler's, P. F. August.
Warwick Mission, to be supplied (by S. L. Thrift).
Gloucester, H. C. Cheatham, J. M. Campbell.
Matthews, George C. Vanderslice.
West Matthews, T. O. Edwards.
Richmond Christian Advocate, J. J. Lafferty, Editor.
Vanderbilt University, J. C. Granbery, Professor.

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. M. Anderson, P. E.

Charlottesville, J. C. Martin, T. A. Ware, Sup.
Albemarle, George E. Booker.
Louisa, E. H. Pritchett.
Scottsville, A. C. Berryman.
Fluvanna, G. W. Wray.
Milton, W. A. Tompkins.
Batesville, R. W. Watts.
Gordonsville and Orange, W. H. Edwards.
Orange Circuit, J. C. Rosser.
Culpepper, E. J. Chandler.
Culpepper Circuit, J. W. Carroll.
Rappahannock, J. H. Crown.
Woodville, to be supplied.
Madison, W. E. Paye.
Greene, J. F. Brannin.
Piedmont Mission, to be supplied.
University of Virginia, J. T. Whitley, Chaplain.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.

D. P. Wills, P. E.

Centenary, J. S. Hunter.
Court Street and Danielstown, W. E. Edwards, C. H. Green, T. H. Early, Sup.
Madison, J. H. Kabler.
Amherst, John N. Jones.
West Amherst, Charles E. Watts.
Mount Pleasant, N. B. Foushee.
Bedford, J. L. Spencer.
West Bedford, R. F. Gayle, J. W. Compton, Sup.
Middle Bedford, R. H. Younger.
North Bedford, M. L. Bishop.
Liberty, John B. Dey.
Bedford Springs, J. T. Moore.

Nelson, John W. Howard.
Appomattox, W. F. Robins.
Campbell, James O. Moss.
West Campbell, R. B. Scott.
South Campbell, Henry Hunt.
Prospect, T. J. Taylor.
Bedford Mission, to be supplied (by Joseph G. Lennon).
Glenmore Mission, to be supplied (by J. W. Parish).

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

Oscar Littleton, P. E.

Main Street, A. G. Brown.
Lynn Street, W. F. Tillett.
North Danville, J. H. Patteson.
Charlotte, N. J. Pruden, E. A. Gibbs.
West Charlotte, J. S. Wallace.
South Boston, J. W. Crider.
South of Dan, B. S. Herring.
Chatham, R. B. Blankenship.
Pittsylvania, J. D. Southall.
North Pittsylvania, T. P. Duke.
North-west Pittsylvania, to be supplied.
Franklin, J. P. Woodward.
West Franklin, to be supplied.
East Franklin, D. J. Traynham.
Henry, J. W. Tucker.
Patrick, to be supplied.
South Patrick, H. C. Bowles, Sup.
Halifax, J. E. Gates.
East Halifax, to be supplied.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.

F. J. Boggs, P. E.

Farmville, Leonidas Rosser.
Prince Edward, W. B. Rowzie, J. S. R. Clarke, Sup.
Burkeville, J. R. Waggener.
Lunenburg, T. M. Beckham.
West Lunenburg, S. H. Johnson.
Boydton, J. L. Clarke.
Boydton Circuit, J. D. Lumsden.
Clarksville, C. W. Cain.
Mecklenburg, W. O. Waggener.
North Mecklenburg, J. H. Maynard.
Brunswick, T. L. Williams.
West Brunswick, W. A. Crocker.
South Brunswick, W. R. Smithey.
Nottoway, J. D. Hank.
Amelia, W. G. Lumpkin.
Cumberland, J. W. Blincoe.
Cartersville, C. H. Boggs.
Buckingham, T. P. Wise.

PETERSBURG DISTRICT.

Paul Whitehead, P. E.

Washington Street, J. D. Blackwell.
Market Street, John E. Edwards.
High Street, J. C. Reed.
Wesley Chapel, W. H. Atwill.
Blandford, Joseph Lear.
Ettricks, T. McN. Simpson.
Chesterfield, W. G. Williams.
Matoaca, R. O. Payne.
Dinwiddie, D. M. Wallace.

West Dinwiddie, W. W. Lear.
 Sussex, F. M. Edwards, James A. Riddick,
 Sup.
 North Sussex, J. H. Proctor.
 Hicksford, W. H. Riddick, L. A. Grey, Sup.
 Prince George, A. B. Warwick.
 Surry, William E. Grant, John W. Connelly,
 Sup.
 Wakefield, W. P. Jordan.
 Coalfield, A. C. Jordan.
 Clover Hill, to be supplied.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

W. H. Christian, P. E.

Murfreesboro, W. McGee.
 Northampton, C. E. Hobday.
 Meherrin, J. E. McSparren.
 Bertie, B. F. Tennille.
 Hertford, E. M. Jordan.
 Edenton, W. G. Bates.
 Pasquotank, E. N. S. Blogg.
 Elizabeth City, R. A. Compton.
 Suffolk, E. M. Peterson.
 Gates, J. H. Amis.
 Southampton, J. Q. Rhodes.
 North Southampton, M. S. Colonna.
 Chuckatuck, Thomas J. Bayton.
 Camden, A. M. Hall.
 Dare, W. W. Sawyer.
 Harrellsville, John O. Moss.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.

J. A. Proctor, P. E.

Cumberland Street, Joseph H. Riddick.
 Granby Street, A. C. Bledsoe.
 Queen Street, James F. Twitty.
 Berkeley, H. M. Hope.
 Portsmouth: Monumental, W. E. Judkins.
 Central, H. P. Mitchell.
 Second Street, G. M. Wright.
 Norfolk Circuit, J. J. Edwards.
 East Norfolk, C. C. Wertenbaker, R. M. Saunders.
 South Norfolk, Richard Ferguson.
 Princess Anne, T. H. Campbell.
 Currituck, J. B. De Berry.
 Hampton, R. J. Moorman.
 York, J. H. Dalby.
 Smithfield and Benn's, Jacob Manning.
 Isle of Wight, J. E. Deshazo.

Fox Hill, to be supplied.
 Seaman's Chaplain, J. B. Merritt.

RANDOLPH-MACON DISTRICT.

J. P. Garland, P. E.

Ashland, Wm. E. Evans, J. E. Potts, Sup.
 Spottsylvania, to be supplied.
 Caroline, R. A. Armistead.
 Bowling Green, J. T. Mastin, J. G. Rowe.
 Middlesex, D. G. C. Butts.
 King and Queen, B. C. Spiller.
 King William, W. T. Green.
 Essex, J. B. Askew.
 Hanover, R. N. Crooks.
 West Hanover, W. E. Allen.
 Goochland, W. A. Laughon.
 West Goochland, to be supplied (by R. H. Mullen).
 King George, T. H. Boggs.
 Montross, Paul Bradley.
 Westmoreland, W. H. Gregory.
 Westmoreland Colored Mission, to be supplied.
 Heathsville, A. Wiles.
 Bethany Station, R. M. Chaadler.
 Lancaster, H. T. Bacon.
 East Louisa Mission, to be supplied.
 Randolph-Macon College, W. W. Bennett,
 President.

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.

George H. Ray, P. E.

Eastville, J. W. Hildrup.
 Belle Haven, J. W. Stiff.
 Pungoteague, C. D. Crawley.
 Onancock, J. C. Watson.
 Atlantic, R. B. Beadles.
 Wicomico, J. W. S. Robins.
 Salisbury, B. F. Lipscomb.
 Berlin, J. T. Routten.
 Dorchester, William F. Bain.
 South Dorchester, A. J. Bradshaw.
 Cambridge, J. R. Sturgis.
 Accomac, L. B. Betty.
 Dorset Mission, to be supplied (by W. F. Haye).

William T. Williams transferred to Denver Conference.

Jacob N. Rosser transferred to Columbia Conference.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HOWARD CITY, KANSAS, September 7-11, 1881.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; C. A. SHERMAN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Jacob L. Sutton, John Hyatt. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? William T. Ready, Temple C. Sparkman, G. W. Payne, William L. Stamper. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? James W. Payne. 1.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. M. Gross, W. L. Stamper, W. W. Jared. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? W. J. Blakey, S. R. Sayre, J. M. Gross, H. J. Brown, E. B. Evans. 5.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? D. R. White, W. C. Hubbard. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? W. R. Cain, T. L. Austin. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? W. R. Cain, T. L. Austin. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? O. P. Noble. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? None.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Davis Kerns. 1.

DAVIS KERNS, a young man who had just begun his career as an itinerant minister, has been called to lay his armor by. He was the son of George and Elizabeth Kerns; was born Dec. 22, 1848, converted Jan. 1, 1871, and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In the following month he joined the Presbytery, and was licensed to exhort. February, 1877, he joined the M. E. Church, South, and was licensed to preach the first Quarterly Conference following. In August, 1880, he joined the Western Conference held at Oskaloosa, Kansas, and was appointed by Bishop Keener to Fort Scott Circuit, which he served with acceptance until Aug. 11, 1881,

when he died. As a man and Christian, he was warm-hearted, sociable, and brotherly; as a minister, he was earnest and efficient. His delight was in the revival of religion. It was there, in labors more abundant than his frail constitution could bear, that the attack which resulted in his death was contracted.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Atchison District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Atchison Station.....	74	.....	4
Leavenworth Circuit.....	160	.....	.....
Grantville Circuit.....	76	.....	1
Oskaloosa Station.....	72	.....	.....
Troy Circuit.....	140	.....	1
Nebraska City Station.....	88	.....	.....
Nebraska City Circuit.....	79	.....	1
Rock Bluff Circuit.....	42	.....	.....
Waterville Circuit.....	58	.....	.....
Kickapoo Circuit.....	222	.....	2
Holton Circuit.....	175	.....	5
New Liberty Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	1186	.....	14

Council Grove District.

Council Grove Station.....	112	2
Council Grove Circuit.....	133	.....	.....
Cedar Point Circuit.....	46	1	.....
Walnut Valley Circuit.....	110	.....	1
White Water Circuit.....	99	.....	3
Winfield Circuit.....	120	.....	.....
Independence and Howard.....	124	.....	1
Kingsley.....	64	.....	1
Wellington.....	57	.....	1
Harper.....	.....	.....	.....
Reno.....	20	.....	.....
	985	1	9

Fort Scott District.

Wyandotte Station.....	44	.....	.....
Wyandotte Circuit.....	204	.....	2
Shawneetown Circuit.....	161	.....	1
Paola.....	172	.....	2
Barnard Circuit.....	43	.....	3
Fort Scott.....	80	.....	.....
Baxter Springs Circuit.....	32	.....	1
Labette.....	80	.....	1
Osage Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Empire Station.....	20	.....	1
Humboldt Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
	836	.....	11

Recapitulation.

Atchison District.....	1186	.....	14
Council Grove ".....	985	1	9
Fort Scott ".....	836	.....	11
Total this year.....	3007	1	34

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 39.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 106.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 26.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 159.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 1020.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the supernannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Nothing.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? No claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$308 49; Domestic Missions, \$200 97. Total, \$509 46.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Wyandotte, Kans.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ATCHISON DISTRICT.

T. C. Downs, P. E.

Atchison Station, C. A. Sherman.

Leavenworth Circuit, J. W. Faubion.

Oskaloosa Circuit, A. J. Lawless.

Grantville Circuit, C. T. Hedgepeth.

Holton Circuit, C. W. Thorp.

Troy Circuit, to be supplied.

Rulo, to be supplied (by T. L. Austin).

Nebraska City Station, to be supplied.

Nebraska City Circuit, W. L. Stamper.

Rock Bluff Circuit, W. T. Ready.

Waterville Circuit, S. R. Sayre.

Franklin Circuit, to be supplied (by W. P. Aikin).

Kickapoo Circuit, J. L. Sutton.

COUNCIL GROVE DISTRICT.

J. H. Torbitt, P. E.

Council Grove Station, H. L. Anderson.

Council Grove Circuit, J. M. Gross.

Cottonwood Falls Circuit, J. R. Bennett.

Walnut Valley Circuit, W. W. Jared.

White Water Circuit, W. H. Younger.

Winfield Circuit, H. J. Brown.

Howard City Circuit, W. H. Comer.

Elk City Circuit, John Hyatt.

Kingsley Circuit, to be supplied (by J. L. Gibson).

Wellington Circuit, W. E. Broadhurst.

Harper Circuit, S. J. Catlin.

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.

H. D. Hogan, P. E.

Wyandotte Station, J. W. Payne.

Wyandotte Circuit, Charles Boles.

Shawneetown Circuit, N. G. Faubion.

Paola Circuit, A. A. Lewis.

Barnard Circuit, G. W. Payne.

Fort Scott Circuit, W. J. Blakely.

Humboldt Circuit, to be supplied.

Baxter Springs Circuit, T. C. Sparkman.

Labette Circuit, J. T. Winstead.

Osage Circuit, to be supplied (by B. F. Jones).

Empire City Circuit, E. B. Evans.

J. S. Smith and G. J. Nunn transferred to North Texas Conference.

T. H. Swearingen transferred to Missouri Conference.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, August 31—September 5, 1881.

BISHOP KEENER, President; Q. A. WHEAT, Secretary.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
ANSWER. Joseph L. Smith, Walter E. Boggs, Charles W. Tucker. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? None.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? James H. Sledd, at his own request, W. L. Stamper. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Columbus S. Walmsley, Goodson M. F. Hampton, Elliott W. Reynolds, Zephaniah

Meek, Jacob B. Nutter, John W. Simpson, George E. Stevenson, Robert G. Flummer. 8.
Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? James M. Carter, from Kentucky Conference; J. J. Fontaine, from North Mississippi Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? John C. Thomas. 1.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Columbus S. Walmsley, Jacob B. Nutter, John W. Simpson, George E. Stevenson, Robert G. Flummer. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Columbus S. Walmsley, Jacob S. Nutter, John W. Simpson, George E. Stevenson, Robert G. Flummer. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? La Fayette Meek. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John W. Castle. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John H. Jackson, Samuel F. McClung, Elihu R. Powers, Robert C. Wiseman. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? John H. Jackson, Samuel F. McClung, Elihu R. Powers, Robert C. Wiseman. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Jacob B. Nutter, Alexander B. Sollers, at their own request. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Nathaniel G. Robinson, Wayne Kennedy, Reuben E. Walden, Roland Bias, Granville S. McCutchen, Jonathan K. Hedges, Hiram Moore, Elias Kendall, Burrell S. Chambers. 9.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Richard A. Claughton, Joseph A. West, Joshua C. Tinsley, John S. Pullin, Wm. Downtain. 5.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Parkersburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Parkersburg Station.....	242	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel Circuit.....	98	.....	.....
Lubeck Circuit.....	230	.....	2
Spencer Circuit.....	482	.....	1
Ripley Circuit.....	278	.....	3
Ravenswood Circuit.....	307	1	1
New Martinsville Circuit.....	200	.....	1
Pleasant Ridge Circuit.....	291	.....	5
Newark Circuit.....	289	.....	3
Point Pleasant Circuit.....	105	.....	.....
Buffalo Circuit.....	195	.....	4
Grantsville Circuit.....	160	.....	3
Raymond City Circuit.....	146	.....	.....
	3023	1	23

Clarksburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Clarksburg Station.....	116	.....	.....
St. George Circuit.....	464	.....	5
Philippi Circuit.....	277	.....	1
Randolph Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville Circuit.....	325	.....	5
Braxton Circuit.....	225	1	1
Birch Mission.....	239	.....	4
Glennville Circuit.....	312	.....	3
Boothsville Circuit.....	366	.....	2

Clarksburg District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Marion Circuit.....	775	.....	2
Greene Circuit.....	349	.....	.....
Rivesville Circuit.....	468	1	.....
	3916	2	23

Charleston District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Charleston Station.....	186	.....	1
Charleston Circuit.....	300	1	3
Barboursville Circuit.....	209	.....	1
Hurricane Circuit.....	250	2	5
St. Albans and Brownstown Circuit.....	216	.....	3
Cedar Grove and Malden Circuit.....	124	.....	1
Fayetteville Circuit.....	168	.....	.....
Sewell Circuit.....	318	.....	4
Summerville Circuit.....	247	3	1
Sugar Grove Circuit.....	454	.....	.....
Webster Circuit.....	290	.....	1
Raleigh Circuit.....	83	.....	1
Logan Mission.....	101	.....	2
Newton Circuit.....	196	.....	.....
Boone Circuit.....	70	.....	.....
Huntington Station.....	65	.....	.....
Guyandotte Station.....	90	.....	1
	3367	6	24

Catlettsburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Catlettsburg Station.....	160	.....	3
Ashland Station.....	182	.....	.....
Louisa Station.....	80	.....	.....
Big Sandy Circuit.....	359	.....	4
Paintsville Circuit.....	160	.....	8
Blaine Circuit.....	175	.....	5
Wayne Circuit.....	226	1	3
Cassville Circuit.....	300	.....	2
Ceredo Circuit.....	99	.....	2
Prestonburg Circuit.....	650	2	11
Piketon Circuit.....	298	.....	4
Mount Zion.....	163	.....	1
Old Town Circuit.....	212	1	4
Cannonsburg Circuit.....	347	1	4
Newfoundland Circuit.....	539	.....	4
Greenup and Grayson Circuit.....	102	.....	.....
	4052	5	55

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Parkersburg District.....	3023	1	23
Clarksburg ".....	3916	2	23
Charleston ".....	3367	6	24
Catlettsburg ".....	4052	5	55
Total this year.....	14,358	14	125

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 414.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 666.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 211.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1493.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 9422.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$839 82. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$735 90; Domestic Missions, \$367 77. Total, \$1,103 67.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Parkersburg, W. Va.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. H. Burns, P. E.

Parkersburg, F. B. Carroll.
 Lubeck, J. W. Lambert.
 Spencer, John Mitchell.
 Reedy, C. S. Murrill.
 Ripley Circuit, J. M. Lauck.
 Ravenswood, F. P. McGhee.
 New Martinsville, W. E. Boggs.
 Union Mission, to be supplied.
 Pleasant Ridge, C. S. Walmsley.
 Newark, A. S. Bowles, G. S. McCutchen, Sup.
 Point Pleasant, J. H. Jackson.
 Buffalo, John Martin.
 Grantsville, E. R. Powers.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

E. M. Murrill, P. E.

Clarksburg, to be supplied.
 St. George, S. F. McClung.
 Philippi, T. Cooper, R. E. Walden, Sup.
 Randolph Mission, to be supplied, W. Kennedy, Sup.
 Jacksonville, W. C. Leech.
 Braxton, E. W. Reynolds.
 Glenville, to be supplied.
 Boothsville, N. R. Hamer.
 Marion, F. Golden.
 Greene, C. W. Shearer.
 Rivesville, C. W. Cook.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

S. T. Mallory, P. E.

Charleston, J. M. Carter.
 Charleston Circuit, H. T. Watts.
 Brownstown and St. Albans, J. T. Johnson.
 Hurricane, C. F. Crooks, R. Bias, Sup.
 Barboursville, Q. A. Wheat.
 Guyandotte, J. W. Ramsey.
 Huntington, W. T. Bolling.
 Ceredo, to be supplied.

Wayne, to be supplied (by J. D. Garrett).
 Raymond City, H. S. Williams.
 Round Bottom, to be supplied (by Burt Hullett).

FAYETTE DISTRICT.

J. A. Black, P. E.

Fayetteville, J. M. Follansbee.
 Raleigh, R. C. Wiseman.
 Logan, to be supplied (by J. H. Hendrickson),
 B. S. Chambers, Sup.
 Boone, J. C. Thomas.
 Cedar Grove and Malden, J. J. Fontaine.
 Newton, J. S. Lemon.
 Birch Mission, Adam Given.
 Summerville, W. Briscoe.
 Webster, S. Black.
 Sugar Grove, W. R. Chambers.
 Sewell, J. L. Smith, J. K. Hedges, Sup.
 Hawk's Nest, R. G. Flummer.

CATLETTSBURG DISTRICT.

J. F. Medley, P. E.

Catlettsburg, J. B. Fitzpatrick.
 Cannonsburg, J. W. Wightman.
 Greenup and Grayson, L. B. Madison.
 Mount Zion, C. W. Tucker.
 Old Town, C. Dean.
 Newfoundland, to be supplied (by F. Rice).
 Big Sandy, A. P. Sturm.
 Blaine, G. E. Stevenson.
 Louisa, C. C. Armstrong.
 Paintsville, to be supplied, N. G. Robinson,
 Sup.
 Prestonburg, J. W. Simpson.
 Piketon, G. M. F. Hampton.
 Ashland, T. S. Wade, H. Moore, Sup.
 Central Methodist, Z. Meek, Editor.

J. T. Whitley transferred to Virginia Conference.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GOLIAD, TEXAS, November 16-20, 1881.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; TEMPLE G. WOOLLS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. George Hinson, John W. Stovall,
 George B. Killough, George Ward, Jose Chavez, Jose Maria Guzman, Vacilio Soto. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Ignacio Sanchez Rivera, Juan M. de la Vina, Manuel Flores Cisneros, Samuel G. Kilgore, Felix A. Knox. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Samuel F. Chambers, F. E. Townsend, R. T. Woolsey—at their own request. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? J. C. Russell, Joseph Coughvan, Eulalio Chavez, W. J. Young. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from

other Conferences? J. R. Carter, from South Georgia Conference; Elias Robertson, from North Texas Conference; F. E. Townsend, from Little Rock Conference; James B. Rice, from St. Louis Conference; Josiah B. Godbey, from South-west Missouri Conference; W. H. Seat, from Baltimore Conference. 6.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? J. B. McPherson, I. K. Waller, A. De Leon, J. P. Rodriguez, M. Trevino, Roman V. Palomares, Elias Robertson, W. H. Killough, Cruz Martinez. 9.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Joseph Coughvan, Eulalio Chavez. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Joseph Coughvan, Eulalio Chavez. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? James P. Akin. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? James P. Akin. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Crecencio A. Rodriguez. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. A. Rodriguez. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? J. B. Dibrell, W. G. Cocke, at their on request. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? E. H. Holbrook, J. G. Walker. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Jesse Hord, Thomas Myers, J. W. De Vilbiss, A. A. Killough, J. W. Brown, R. H. Belvin. 6.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Roswell Gillett. 1. (No memoir.)

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 73; white members, 6968. (No details.)

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 558.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 705.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 95.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 455.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 3537.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$750.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$735 45. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$1,067 70; Domestic Missions, \$1,530 15. Total, \$2,597 85.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Seguin, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

O. A. Fisher, P. E.

San Antonio, W. J. Young.
Flóresville Circuit, E. Y. Seale.
Cibolo Circuit, W. T. Thornberry.
Medina Circuit, T. G. Woolls, F. A. Knox.
Frio Circuit, J. C. Russell.
Sabinal Circuit, to be supplied (by J. L. Harper).
Uvalde Mission, J. W. Stovall.
Pearsall Mission, to be supplied (by W. C. Newton).
Carrizo Springs, I. K. Waller.
Camp Woods Mission, S. G. Kilgore.

MASON DISTRICT.

A. J. Potter, P. E.

Mason Mission, C. M. Carpenter.
Menard Mission, J. Coughvan.
Junction City Mission, W. H. Killough.
Centre Point, H. A. Graves.
Concho Mission, to be supplied.
Concho Mexican Mission, Joseph Norwood.
Kerrville Circuit, H. T. Hill.
Boerne Mission, I. Kingsbury.
Blanco Circuit, R. M. Seaton.
Round Mountain Circuit, M. A. Black.
Mountain Mission, to be supplied.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

W. J. Joyee, P. E.

San Marcos, J. S. Gillett.
San Marcos Circuit, B. Harris, E. H. Holbrook, Sup., J. G. Walker, Sup.
Kyle Circuit, J. W. Vest.
Walnut Springs Circuit, G. B. Killough.
Lockhart Circuit, T. S. Garrett.
Luling Circuit, H. S. Thrall.
Seguin, H. G. Horton.
Gonzales Circuit, A. Brown.
Harwood Circuit, to be supplied.

TEXANA DISTRICT.

J. H. Tucker, P. E.

Texana Circuit, W. H. H. Biggs.
Boxville Circuit, W. M. Shockley.
Lavaca River Mission, N. W. Keith.
Concrete Circuit, E. G. Duval.
Victoria and Cuero, J. T. Gillett.
Hallettsville Circuit, Josiah Godbey.
Moulton Circuit, A. G. Nolen.
Leesville Circuit, George Ward.
Sandies Circuit, P. P. Norwood.
Clinton Circuit, J. E. Vernor.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT.

W. Monk, P. E.

Corpus Christi and San Diego, George Hinson.
Rockport, John F. Cook.

Beeville Circuit, John B. Denton.
 Refugio Circuit, J. B. McPherson.
 Goliad, W. H. Seat.
 Helena Circuit, J. B. Rice.
 Lagarto Circuit, J. F. Denton.
 Rancho Circuit, A. F. Cox.
 Laredo Mission, A. C. Biggs.

SAN ANTONIO MEXICAN MISSION
 DISTRICT.

A. H. Sutherland, P. E.

San Antonio Mexican Mission, A. De Leon.
 Medina Mexican Mission, J. M. Guzman.
 Bandera Mexican Mission, J. P. Rodriguez.
 Brackettville Mexican Mission, E. Chavez.
 Piedras Negras Mexican Mission, C. A. Rodriguez.

Saragoza Mexican Mission, M. F. Cisneros.
 El Paso Mission, J. R. Carter.
 El Paso Mexican Mission, R. V. Palomares.
 Guerrero and Coahuila Mission, Josue Chavez.
 Ximenes Mexican Mission, Vacilio Soto.
 Del Rio Mission, Elias Robertson.
 Eagle Pass Mission, P. C. Bryce.
 Laredo Mexican Mission, Y. S. Rivera.

SAN DIEGO MEXICAN MISSION
 DISTRICT.

James Tafolla, P. E.

Corpus Christi and San Diego Mission, Cruz Martinez.
 Rio Grande and Roma, Gumerciendo Paz.
 Mier and Camargo, J. M. Viño.
 Hidalgo and Reyñosa, M. Treviño.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BEEBE, ARK., *December 7-12, 1881.*

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; GEORGE THORNBURGH, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?
 ANSWER. R. R. Raymond, R. D. Woodley,
 R. S. Ellis. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Joseph S.
 Brooke, J. C. Ritter, J. P. Hilburn, T. B. Hil-
 burn, J. E. Gay, S. W. Register, John Moore,
 R. P. Harwood, J. R. Jones, Louis Kelly, H.
 E. Fleming, I. A. Vernon, R. L. Smith. 13.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? George
 W. Richardson. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connec-
 tion? F. R. Noe, J. W. Wood. 2.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? H. B. Mc-
 Neill, C. H. Ford, F. E. Taylor, H. M. Gra-
 nade. 4.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from
 other Conferences? W. A. Dollar, from North
 Mississippi Conference; W. R. Gardner, from
 Little Rock Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?
 E. C. Castleberry, J. F. Troy, M. M. Smith, Z.
 T. Griffin, J. S. Watson, A. S. Blackwood. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elect-
 ed deacons? J. W. Wood, J. R. Jones, H. E.
 Fleming. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are or-
 dained deacons? J. W. Wood, J. R. Jones,
 H. E. Fleming. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected
 deacons? Allen Dods, J. H. Anderson, M. G.
 Poe, J. A. Spence, W. A. Downing, G. W.
 Bonner, Francis Alexander, J. D. Spence, J.
 A. Brown, T. B. Williamson. 10.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained
 deacons? M. G. Poe, Francis Alexander, J.
 A. Brown, T. B. Williamson, N. W. Farrar,
 J. M. Lively, A. G. Duran. 7.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elect-
 ed elders? N. E. Skinner, I. T. Morris, Z.
 W. Richardson, J. C. Brown, L. G. Rogers,
 S. G. Shaw, Z. T. Bennett. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are or-
 dained elders? N. E. Skinner, I. T. Morris,
 Z. W. Richardson, J. C. Brown, L. G. Rogers,
 S. G. Shaw, Z. T. Bennett. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected
 elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained
 elders? R. L. Coleman. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? W. A.
 Dollar, A. H. Woodard, D. S. Smith, G. W.
 McGlasson. 4.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. J.
 Alexander, M. C. Morris. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? E. T.
 Jones, John Rhyné. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during
 the past year? J. M. Steel, R. M. McAllister,
 William Martin. 3.

JOHN M. STEEL was born in Chatham Coun-
 ty, N. C., March 2, 1810, and died near Har-
 risburg, Ark., March 22, 1881. In 1825 he
 came with his parents to Henderson County,
 Tenn., and in 1829 he was converted and joined
 the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married

Miss Mary Seat, Nov. 5, 1829; and in 1833 he came to Saline County, Ark., where he had much sickness, and buried his wife, who left him with two little boys—Clarke and William. He returned to Tennessee, and spent the year 1834 preparing for the ministry, to which he felt he had been called before his marriage and immediately after his conversion. Ten weeks' affliction with typhoid fever, and consequent mental derangement half the time, convinced him that this and his bereavement were for not responding to the call of God. At Wesley Camp-ground, Aug. 26, 1837, he was licensed to preach under the Rev. G. W. D. Harris, and at the same time he was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference, with the request to be transferred to Arkansas. He attended Conference at Little Rock, and was appointed to Lewisburg Circuit, where he labored successfully, and received many persons into the Church. In 1838 he served Jacksonport Circuit with great success, and received for his support eighty dollars—about twice as much as the circuit had previously paid. In 1839, at Fayetteville, he was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew, and appointed to Marion Circuit, which embraced a large territory, and was a hard field of labor, but, like other charges of his, was faithfully served. On this circuit he once preached upon the new birth to an audience of three persons, two of whom were afterward converted, one becoming a class-leader, and the other a preacher. In 1840 he was appointed by Bishop Waugh to Helena, and was returned to the same charge in 1841. In 1842 he was sent by Bishops Andrew and Roberts to labor among the Choctaw Indians. Here he proved himself a valiant soldier of the cross, enduring hardship and privations, having "respect unto the recompense of the reward." In Poinsett County, Ark., Oct. 26, 1842, he married Miss Narcissa Brookfield, who survives her lamented husband, and is the mother of several children, one—the Rev. John R. Steel—a member of this Conference. In 1845 Brother Steel was transferred to the Arkansas Conference, and appointed to the Mount Vernon Circuit, and the next year to Clarksville. From 1848 to 1854 he was Presiding Elder successively of the Helena, Batesville, and Jacksonport Districts. From 1855 to 1863 he was Agent for the American Bible Society. In 1864 he was appointed to the Harrisburg Circuit, and the following year to the Harrisburg District. After this he served various appointments, as presiding elder, preacher in charge, Bible Agent, Book and Tract Agent, Sunday-school Agent—the last appointment he held at the time of his death. During the war he was several times elected President of his Conference, and in this capacity served his brethren acceptably. He was frequently elected delegate to the General Conference, which evinced the esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and showed too their opinion as to his fitness to serve the Church in her highest councils.

Brother Steel's ministry extends over a period of nearly forty-four years, but his long service is noted less for its length than for his successful labors and the wonderful changes he witnessed in the growth of the country and the Church. When he came as a willing, trusting, and brave pioneer to this country, a circuit embraced counties, and not a county circuits, as now. The great advantages of travel and communication were not enjoyed by him; he had to depend upon slow travel on horseback through a new, often wild, country, and upon mails equally slow and more uncertain. Late in June, after the separation of the Church in May, Brother Steel was praying for the peaceful prosperity of our Church, and anxiously awaiting intelligence as to the results of that memorable General Conference. Then cities were unknown, and towns were few; the people were generally poor and poorly educated; their homes were rude, and preachers were thankful for the necessities of life, not wishing its luxuries, nor expecting its comforts. Around the log-fire of the immigrant's tent, or by the fireside of the poor man's cabin, Brother Steel told the story of the cross, and invoked God's blessings upon the message he delivered. But he lived to see remarkable changes, and to rejoice over the successes of the Church he had so faithfully and efficiently served. Hundreds regret very much that he did not live to complete his "History of Methodism in Arkansas," as he had contributed to and witnessed its growth as few others now living have done. But he is gone, and we all feel as we think the Master said, "Servant of God, well done!" We miss his pleasant fellowship, his wise counsels, and words of peaceful encouragement; but we think of him as the conquering hero, and rejoice that in death he could say, "The blood of Christ has done it all—it is safe to die."

R. M. McALLISTER was licensed to preach in August, 1875, and was received on trial into the White River Conference, at Helena, in December following. His first appointment was to Black Oak Circuit; the next year to Chickasawba Circuit; the next year he was returned to Black Oak. The two following years he served Osceola and Frenchman's Bayou Circuits. On the latter his health failed to a great extent, and he contemplated retiring from the itinerancy; but having met and associated with his brethren at the ensuing Conference, which convened in Helena, where he received his first appointment, he decided to take work another year, and labor as best he could in the service of his Master. He was then appointed to the Indian Bay Circuit, but on his way to his charge he was taken sick, and after much suffering died in great peace. The religion he had preached to others was his comfort and support in his sickness and death. For his experience and education, Brother McAllister was a good preacher, and for a time he was regarded as a preacher of much promise to the Church, but his failing

health and unfortunate abandonment by his wife militated very seriously against his usefulness as a preacher. While he may have failed to use due discretion in the domestic trouble alluded to, he was acquitted of any moral culpability in the matter. He leaves two children in the care of the Conference, who are entitled to our sympathy, as their father was deservedly to our good-will.

WILLIAM MARTIN was born in North Carolina, in the year 1848; was converted at a camp-meeting held by the Methodists, at the age of eighteen years, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and served as a class-leader four years. He was licensed to preach, at Judsonia, in 1880, and joined the White River Conference at Helena. He was appointed to Pleasant Valley Circuit, and died in Jackson County, Ark., September 20, 1881, leaving a heart-stricken wife and two small children. May the blessings of our gracious Heavenly Father attend them through life!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of R. D. Moon, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of Jonesboro District.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Batesville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Batesville Station.....	89	.....	1
Bethesda Circuit.....	430	.....	5
Ash Flat Circuit.....	285	.....	3
Mammoth Springs Mission.....	112	.....	2
Melbourne Circuit.....	334	1	6
Viola Circuit.....	153	.....	2
Salem Circuit.....	200	.....	7
Barren Fork Circuit.....	250	.....	4
Pineville Circuit.....	331	.....	9
La Crosse and Evening Shade.....	184	.....	2
South Batesville Circuit.....	128	.....	.....
Batesville Circuit.....	404	.....	4
Big Creek Mission.....	219	.....	1
Calamine Circuit.....	182	.....	4
	3301	1	50

Jonesboro District.

Old Town Mission.....	129	.....	.....
Taylor's Creek Circuit.....	200	.....	1
Shiloh Circuit.....	235	.....	3
Wittsburg Circuit.....	192	.....	5
Jonesboro Circuit.....	216	.....	2
Oak Bluff and Boydsville.....	112	.....	2
Pleasant Hill Circuit.....	313	.....	3
Buffalo Island Circuit.....	92	.....	2
Greensboro Circuit.....	340	.....	3
Harrisburg Circuit.....	200	.....	.....
Gainesville Circuit.....	490	.....	9
Wittsburg Station.....	48	.....	1
Boydsville Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	2567	.....	31

Searcy District.

DeView Circuit.....	169	.....	.....
Judsonia Circuit.....	120	1	2
El Paso Circuit.....	404	.....	2
West Point Circuit.....	150	.....	.....
Grand Glaize Circuit.....	208	.....	2

Searcy District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Searcy Station.....	168	.....	2
Ky Valley Circuit.....	350	.....	5
Bayou Metoe Circuit.....	339	.....	3
Argenta Circuit.....	18	.....	1
Brinkley Circuit.....	135	.....	2
Pleasant Valley Circuit.....	78	.....	1
Mineral Circuit.....	329	.....	2
Searcy Circuit.....	375	.....	2
Augusta Station.....	122	.....	.....
Beebe Station.....	93	.....	.....
	3058	1	24

Black River District.

Walnut Ridge and Powhatan.....	44	.....	.....
Corning Station.....	59	.....	.....
Walnut Hill Circuit.....	250	.....	4
Newport Station.....	29	.....	1
Pocahontas Station.....	38	.....	.....
Black River Circuit.....	194	.....	.....
Pocahontas Circuit.....	300	.....	4
Siloam Circuit.....	232	.....	7
Smithville Circuit.....	417	.....	4
Jacksonport Station.....	46	.....	1
Jacksonport Circuit.....	300	.....	1
Walnut Ridge Circuit.....	153	.....	1
Corning Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
Cache Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	2062	.....	23

Helena District.

Forest City Circuit.....	240	.....	1
Marianna Circuit.....	164	.....	1
Laconia Circuit.....	27	.....	.....
Forest Grove Circuit.....	166	.....	3
Clarendon and Holly Grove.....	112	.....	.....
Wheatley Circuit.....	88	.....	1
Marvell Circuit.....	75	.....	2
Helena Station.....	117	.....	1
Prairie Circuit.....	138	.....	2
Forest City Station.....	112	.....	1
Indian Bay Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	1239	.....	12

Mississippi District.

Hopefield Mission.....	27	.....	1
Marion Circuit.....	87	.....	1
Chickasawba Circuit.....	230	.....	4
Walnut Bend Circuit.....	62	.....	1
Osceola Circuit.....	71	.....	3
Tyroneza Circuit.....	36	.....	3
Frenchman's Bayou Circuit.....	63	.....	.....
Big Lake Mission.....	63	.....	1
	639	.....	14

Recapitulation.

Batesville District.....	3301	1	50
Jonesboro ".....	2567	.....	31
Searcy ".....	3058	1	24
Black River ".....	2062	.....	23
Helena ".....	1239	.....	12
Mississippi ".....	639	.....	14
	12,866	2	154

Total this year.....

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 388.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 980.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 148.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 866.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 6777.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the

superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$800.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$500. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$591 80; Domestic Missions, \$387 15; Beasley Fund, \$247. Total, \$1,225 95.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Forrest City, Ark.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

S. G. Shaw, P. E.

Batesville Station, M. J. F. Beasley.
Sulphur Rock, S. L. Cochran.
Jamestown, J. F. Jernigin.
La Crosse and Evening Shade, E. M. Baker.
Melbourne, M. B. Umstead.
Pineville, J. C. Carter.
Salem, E. C. Castleberry.
Mammoth Springs Mission, H. E. Fleming.
Viola, to be supplied.
Pleasant Valley, Thomas Vincent, M. C. Morris, Sup.
Ash Flat, S. W. Register.
Barren Fork, F. R. Noc.
Calamine Mission, Isaac A. Vernon.
Mountain View, Z. T. Griffin.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Benoni Harris, P. E.

Jonesboro Circuit, J. P. Hillburn.
Shiloh, R. S. Ellis.
Harrisburg, T. B. Hillburn.
Wittsburg Station, H. B. McNeill.
Wittsburg Circuit, L. G. Rogers.
Taylor's Creek, J. C. Ritter.
Greensboro, T. J. Settle.
Pleasant Hill, A. C. Griffin.
Gainesville and Hurricane, C. H. Ford.
Gainesville Circuit, J. W. Wood.
Boydsville and Oak Bluff, F. E. Taylor.
Boydsville Circuit, John S. Watson.
Buffalo Island, Lewis Kelly.
Old Town Mission, to be supplied.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

John H. Dye, P. E.

Searcy Station, Josephus Anderson.
Searcy Circuit, A. S. Blackwood.
El Paso, J. M. Talkington.
West Point, S. D. Evans.
Judsonia, N. E. Skinner.
Beebe Station, H. T. Gregory.

Oil Trough, to be supplied.

Pleasant Valley, J. R. Steel.

Augusta Station, J. C. Brown.

DeView, T. A. Craig.

Cabot, W. R. Gardner.

New Austin, to be supplied (by L. D. Webb).

Mineral, to be supplied.

Argenta Mission, G. A. Dannelly.

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT.

G. A. Shaeffer, P. E.

Jacksonport Station, R. G. Brittain.
Jacksonport Circuit, C. B. Hunton.
Newport Station, Z. T. Bennett.
Walnut Ridge and Corning, W. M. Watson.
Corning Circuit, to be supplied.
Siloam, to be supplied.
Walnut Hill, J. F. Armstrong.
Walnut Ridge, J. W. Patton.
Pocahontas Station, Frank Ritter.
Pocahontas Circuit, B. S. Rayner.
Smithville Circuit, C. L. Freeman.
Powhatan and Smithville, J. S. Brooke.
Clover Bend, Isaac T. Morris.
Black River, to be supplied.

HELENA DISTRICT.

N. B. Fizer, P. E.

Helena Station, E. A. Garrison.
La Grange, R. H. Rogers.
Marianna Station, J. M. Clark.
Forrest City Station, G. M. Hill.
Forrest City Circuit, J. J. Brooks.
Goodwin Mission, R. P. Harwood.
Cypress Ridge, J. R. Jones.
Surrounded Hill Mission, T. H. Howard.
Clarendon and Holly Grove, J. E. Gay.
Marvell, R. R. Raymond.
Brinkley and Wheatley, H. M. Granade.
Indian Bay, to be supplied.
Laconia, to be supplied.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

W. R. Foster, P. E.

Osceola, R. D. Woodley.
Chickasawba, to be supplied (by R. N. Onby).
Blytheville, Z. W. Richardson.
Frenchman's Bayou, J. F. Troy.
Marion, M. M. Smith.
Walnut Bend, to be supplied.
Tyronza, R. L. Smith.
Big Lake, J. Moore.
Edmondson Mission, to be supplied.

George W. Cottingham transferred to West Texas Conference.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

CONFERENCES.	Trav. Prs.	Sup'd Prs.	Local Prs.	White Members.	Colored Mem's.	Indian Mem's.	Total Prs. and Mem's.	In-crease.	De-crease.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sunday-schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Collection for Conf. Ch'ns.	Collection for Missions.
Alabama.....	131	11	200	31,431	18	.....	31,701	381	.....	1,259	1,142	400	2,315	16,983	\$4,907 00	\$7,616 23
Arkansas.....	86	3	224	15,293	17	.....	15,623	941	.....	582	1,083	143	904	7,192	571 05	2,201 45
Baltimore.....	173	14	125	30,749	58	.....	31,119	347	.....	1,295	1,884	474	4,401	27,030	5,412 25	8,673 55
Columbia.....	26	2	25	1,471	.....	.....	1,524	.....	3	65	80	18	86	451	110 75	281 25
Denver.....	18	.....	10	572	.....	.....	600	134	.....	33	21	12	68	538	12 50	293 50
East Texas.....	60	2	160	14,414	.....	.....	14,636	146	146	641	785	133	765	5,732	1,183 40	2,544 20
Florida.....	70	7	116	10,686	13	.....	10,892	112	112	591	253	158	894	5,627	1,514 57	2,192 64
German Mission.....	21	.....	14	1,243	.....	.....	1,278	53	.....	158	3	25	150	799	161 90	1,530 20
Holston.....	160	16	280	43,638	48	155	44,297	.....	653	1,185	1,220	577	3,856	31,125	1,692 75	5,488 20
Illinois.....	49	1	50	4,854	.....	.....	4,954	.....	472	49	192	62	557	4,159	143 04	179 37
Indiana.....	14	1	9	1,162	.....	.....	1,166	.....	255	14	106	12	94	637	23 65	527 00
Indian Mission.....	42	1	109	969	141	5,296	6,568	679	.....	465	271	68	300	2,338	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	110	8	87	22,496	42	.....	22,743	362	.....	318	1,144	179	1,397	10,367	1,401 17	3,439 53
Little Rock.....	83	9	182	17,286	.....	.....	17,500	552	.....	511	891	216	1,198	9,611	1,025 80	2,618 50
Los Angeles.....	13	2	15	1,134	.....	.....	1,164	1	.....	63	28	10	102	780	183 95	275 65
Louisiana.....	74	10	78	14,801	29	.....	14,902	53	.....	861	601	153	897	6,346	3,318 55	4,140 65
Louisville.....	128	15	212	31,917	.....	.....	32,272	182	.....	687	1,523	239	1,573	11,622	1,934 18	4,765 63
Memphis.....	138	6	250	31,492	.....	.....	34,886	1,167	.....	971	2,494	377	2,549	19,803	2,315 39	5,044 39
Mississippi.....	111	9	144	23,836	.....	.....	24,100	249	.....	999	702	284	1,411	9,827	2,169 15	4,587 30
Missouri.....	127	10	143	27,146	3	.....	27,429	32	.....	422	987	274	2,055	14,042	2,409 23	7,170 39
Montana.....	7	.....	3	229	.....	.....	239	.....	4	10	3	5	19	119	2 00	135 00
North Alabama.....	125	7	355	35,110	.....	.....	35,597	553	.....	1,038	1,977	480	2,146	17,454	1,773 00	6,962 25
North Carolina.....	179	16	247	67,603	217	.....	68,262	553	.....	2,106	2,074	764	4,780	39,906	4,353 68	9,440 65
North Georgia.....	190	18	417	64,149	45	.....	64,819	1,276	.....	1,637	2,678	743	4,200	35,641	8,346 95	11,972 23
North Mississippi.....	136	14	180	28,086	.....	.....	29,016	305	.....	606	1,381	277	1,387	11,581	2,022 00	4,551 70
North Texas.....	115	9	255	24,195	.....	.....	24,574	483	.....	1,030	1,556	189	1,256	10,355	1,605 00	4,883 05
North-west Texas.....	158	9	340	28,760	.....	.....	29,267	956	.....	1,498	1,713	228	1,494	11,526	2,057 44	5,344 00
Pacific.....	59	5	44	4,359	7	.....	4,474	60	.....	134	147	80	349	3,445	698 80	1,152 31
South Carolina.....	159	13	130	47,517	200	.....	48,019	1,229	.....	1,922	1,245	538	3,419	25,499	4,679 24	10,277 60
South Georgia.....	123	19	209	32,984	.....	.....	33,382	715	.....	1,025	1,183	367	2,194	16,368	4,118 75	9,297 28
South-west Missouri.....	87	10	146	17,940	.....	.....	18,183	720	.....	349	747	144	1,075	8,137	1,640 40	4,645 19
St. Louis.....	61	10	94	11,666	.....	.....	11,891	813	.....	583	800	143	850	7,948	1,473 00	2,979 80
Texas.....	182	12	367	47,730	12	.....	48,303	1,306	.....	844	2,872	457	2,982	23,509	2,515 88	7,616 00
Tennessee.....	51	7	56	7,973	.....	.....	8,087	418	.....	1,461	2,068	670	7,231	42,006	6,827 66	13,746 58
Texas.....	187	18	159	57,377	136	.....	57,867	418	.....	39	106	26	159	1,020	.....	569 46
Virginia.....	31	.....	34	3,067	1	.....	3,073	.....	49	414	666	211	1,493	9,422	839 82	1,103 67
Western.....	67	6	125	14,358	14	.....	14,569	515	.....	558	705	95	455	3,537	735 45	2,597 85
West Virginia.....	73	6	73	6,968	.....	.....	7,190	871	.....	388	930	148	866	6,777	500 00	1,225 95
West Texas.....	74	2	154	12,866	2	.....	13,093	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White River.....	.....	.....	8	96	.....	.....	104	.....	13	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Report.	No Report.
China Mission.....	.....	.....	1	58	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Report.	No Report.
Mexican Mission.....	.....	.....	35	1,150	.....	.....	1,185	441	.....	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Report.	No Report.
Bishops.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Rep.	No Report.	No Report.
Total in 1881.....	3,704	307	5,865	844,367	993	5,451	890,717	16,041	3,057	27,125	37,785	9,310	62,442	462,321	\$77,049 88	\$164,486 70
Total in 1880.....	3,676	323	5,868	831,769	1,081	4,981	847,703	.....	.....	26,344	37,012	9,129	61,119	440,614	73,485 95	152,762 02
Increase.....	28	21	3	12,598	88	470	13,014	.....	.....	781	773	181	1,323	21,707	\$3,563 93	\$11,724 68

[The transferred preachers are reckoned with the Conferences to which they now belong. The preachers who are discontinued this year (49), and those who were located (63), are not counted; those who were admitted on trial (205), and those who were re-admitted (35), are counted among the traveling preachers, though many of them are also reckoned with the local preachers. The white members (669), and the colored members (141), within the bounds of the Indian Mission Conference are counted with the Indians. The number of baptisms in some Conferences seems to be imperfectly reported. No missionary money is reported, except that reported at the Conferences; the collections of the Woman's Missionary Society are not included. Our colored members have been nearly all absorbed in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America and other connections.]